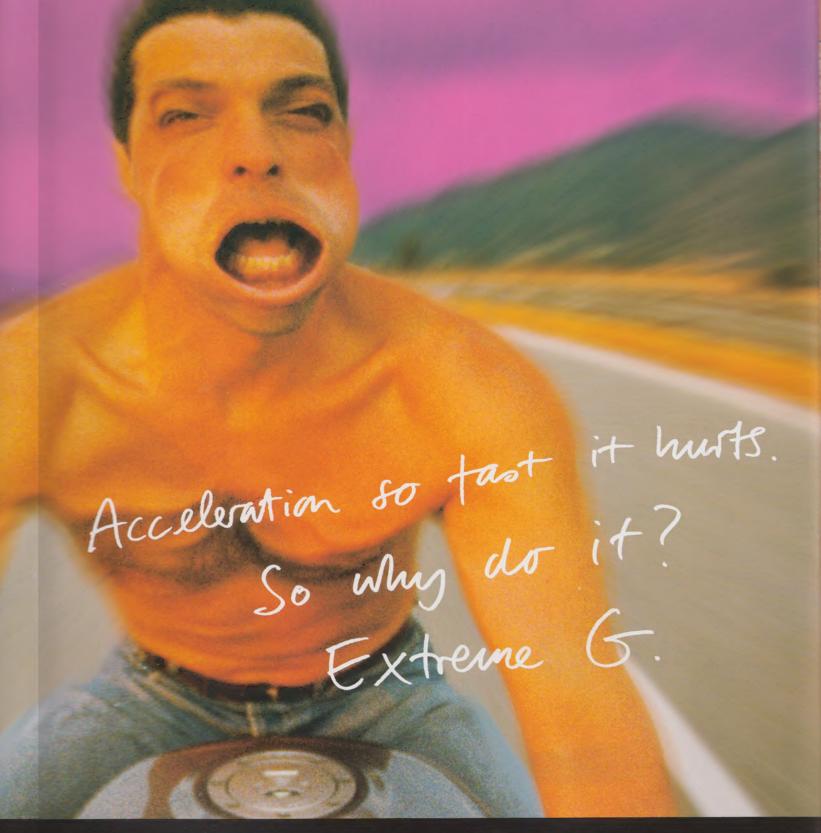


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TAKE IT TO THE EXTREME





editorial

am writing this at 5-45 AM on a Sunday morning, after another frenzied night's work in the 64 extreme office in an attempt to finish this issue before we depart for this year's European Computer Trade Show. Although not as big as America's E3 show or the Japanese Shoshinkai show, ECTS is still a very important show and a useful pointer of how each format is performing in Europe. Needless to say, we will be bringing you a full report of all the developments in the next issue. I guess we have to justify our expenses somehow!

Speaking of our next issue, I am pleased to announce that this fine organ will increase in size from 84 pages to a bloated 100 pages. For those of you who aren't too hot at maths, that is an extra 16 pages for the same price of £2.95.



It is with a sense of sadness and giddy euphoria that I have to report that as of this issue we will be losing our much loved staff writing duo of Dazza (the spazza) Herridge and Saul (Maurice) Trewern. They have both been lured over to the dark side and will now be editing Quay Magazine Publishing's latest block busting publication, extreme PlayStation, which will be available at all fine magazine outlets on the 28th November, priced £2.95. I'd like to thank them for all their hard work, but that would of course be a whopping great lie! Seriously though, they will both be sorely missed and I wish them both well. Of course, as one door closes another opens, while every cloud has a silver lining and there is a pot of gold at the end of each rainbow. All of which has nothing to do with our latest multi million pound signing from Juventus (OK then Shropshire!), in the form of lan (don't call me Ozzie) Osborne who is now the proud owner of a 64 extreme Deputy Editor's hat. Welcome along Ozzie!

Calling all N64 related fanzine Editors, could you please send in your latest issue to the usual address for inclusion of a feature that we are currently working on. We also want to hear from readers who have complaints and horror stories to tell about their local games retailers.

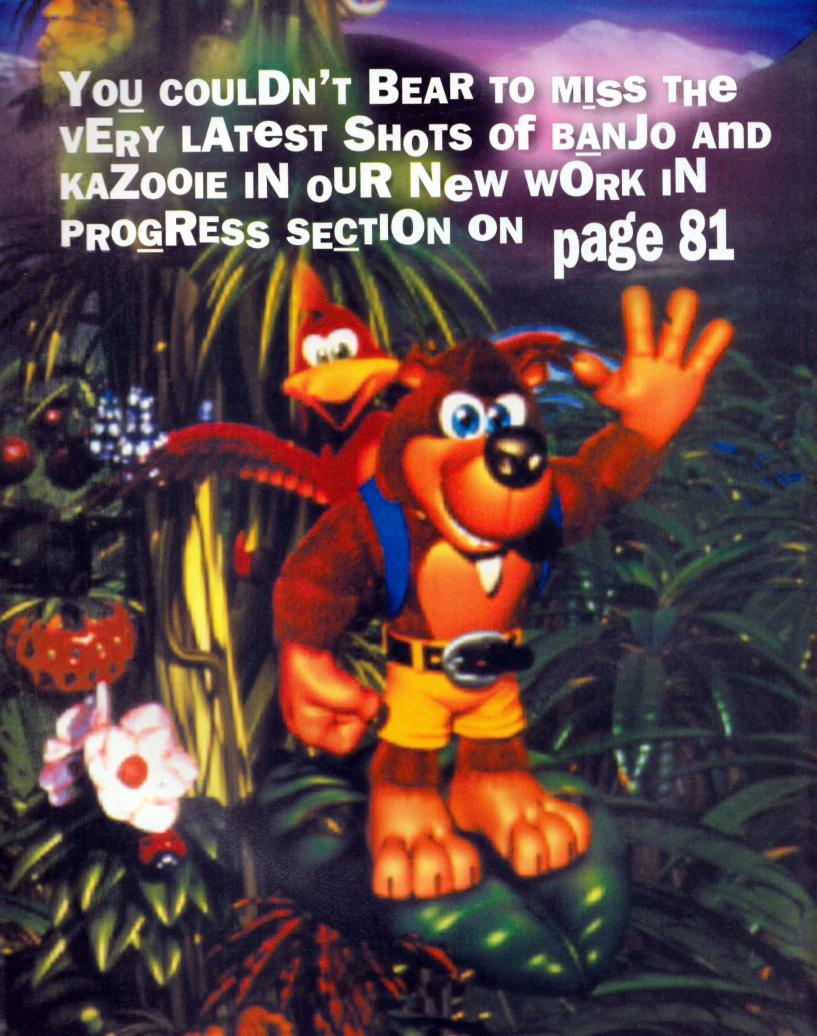
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Cheers

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review guide

OVERALL SCORE - 0-50

Dire beyond words, do not buy this game under any circumstances.

OVERALL SCORE - 51-70%

Very poor. Not worth considering unless you are a big fan of the genre with lots of spare cash.

OVERALL SCORE - 71-80%

Pretty good but room for improvement. Try before you buy.

OVERALL SCORE - 81-90%

This is a good game that we would recommend you check

out. Falls just shy of greatness.

OVERALL SCORE - 9

A fantastic game that you have to seriously consider buying. A game over 90% may well be honoured with the X-factor award.



HE X-FACTOR

This rare honour is bestowed upon a game destined to be a classic. Some games have a certain indefinable mark of greatness about them. We call that mark the X-factor.



PSX QUARTERBACK CLUB '98 SACKED IN ENDZONE

UNDERSPECCED PLAYSTATION CUT FROM ACCLAIM'S GRIDIRON ROSTER

Acclaim's forthcoming American football game Quarterback Club '98 is now to be released solely on the N64. A PlayStation conversion was originally planned, but this has now been dropped.

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The game features advanced 3D polygon hi-res graphics running at 30 frames a second. Acclaim developed the game engine on the N64, but attempts at converting it to the PlayStation proved

disappointing. An Acclaim spokesperson said, "We just didn't feel that the PlayStation version of the game stacked up to our revolutionary Nintendo engine."

64 extreme will have an exclusive review of Quarterback Club '98 next issue. Aren't you glad you bought an N64?

QUAKE DELAYED FOR RESHAKE



MIDWAY HOLD BACK THE GAME TO INCLUDE MULTIPLAYER OPTIONS

In response to demands from N64 gamers, Midway have delayed the release of the forthcoming Quake 64 in order to include multiplayer options.

These will be similar to the 'deathmatch' levels enjoyed by the PC Doom outings (but sadly, not Doom 64) and our own GoldenEye 007, where several human players stalk the game's 3D environment, hunting and killing each other with weapons found along the way.

A Midway source explained, "The developers wanted to do it all along, we just weren't sure if people would be willing to wait."

According to industry sources, the game is running fine with two players already and Midway hope to include up to four players. Some of the deathmatch levels will be exclusive to the N64, never before seen on any version of Quake. Memory card and Rumble Pack compatibility will also be included. Quake 64 is now to be released in March of next year. Fans were disappointed with Doom 64's lack of multiplayer mayhem, so the additions to Quake 64 should be well worth the wait.

KAN KONG KRUSH MARIO KART?

DIDDY KONG RACING SPEEDS ON TO THE N64

Now here's a weird one. Diddy Kong Racing looks like Mario Kart 64, features a character from Mario's world and in part, even plays like Mario Kart 64, but it's not a sequel.

Instead, it's a racing/adventure crossover which UK developers Rare describe as 'truly genre-busting'.
Let's get the racing over with first.
You get to choose from eight racers.
Some (e.g. Diddy Kong) are familiar Rare characters and



others are
completely new.
Look out for Banjo
the Bear (from the
forthcoming N64
game, Banjo and
Kazooie) and
Conker the Squirrel
(ditto). There are
20 courses on



offer, taking you through rivers, waterfalls, tunnels, canyons, lava, snow, hills and lagoons, all with three different crafts to choose from. These are a kart (obviously), a hovercraft and an aeroplane.

Details are sketchy as we go to press, but exploring the areas around the tracks often yields rewards and some levels have boss characters for an added

challenge. We understand platform scenarios must be

completed to access different modes too. 64 extreme is going to Rare to take a look at the game, so expect an in-depth preview next issue.



BOARD GAME FOR BORED GAMERS?

THAT OLD WARHORSE CHESS COMES TO THE N64



Now here's a weird one. Chess has been around for centuries, has been converted to home computers and consoles throughout video gaming history (anyone remember chess on the ZX81?) and is now being released on the latest and greatest console ever.

Virtual Chess 64, from Titus Software, features 2-D and 3-D boards and a 3-D cartoon battle mode, where animated pieces walk across the board and slay an opposing piece when taking it.

The game is pitched at beginners and experts alike, with a step-by-step tutorial for non-players and advanced built-in strategies for the budding (or even current) grand master. You can test your strategies in real time by playing four boards at once, showing how single moves can change the course of a game, and up to four players can play simultaneously; don't ask why, we don't know either.

in this day and age, a chess conversion has to be really great to be worth buying. After all, how can the game make use of the machine's capabilities? There may be options to redefine graphics and colours, but black and white standard pieces are quite sufficient anyway. There may be snazzy animated battle sequences, but you soon see all they've got to offer and switch them off for speed's sake. Maybe you can rotate the 3D board, but the 2D one is more practical to play on. And who cares about the sound anyway? A chess game can never really benefit from the amazing sonic and graphic capabilities of the N64 (the ZX Spectrum could do everything that needs to be done in this respect), but its high-powered processor could make for a tougher nut to crack in the artificial intelligence department. After all, only recently IBM's Deep Blue chess computer beat world

Titus have yet to offer a release date for this curious conversion, but it's expected early next year.

I'M DREAMING OF A E CHRISTMAS.

Delays in getting games out onto the streets in time for the Christmas rush could, according to some analysts quoted in the influential American newspaper USA Today, harm sales of the N64.

The machine needs a good festive season to keep pace with Sony's threeyear-old PlayStation, which already has a large number of dedicated games. Games which have suffered delays include Major League Baseball, featuring Ken Griffey Jr, Yoshi's Story and Banjo and Kazooie, which won't now be released until early 1998.

It looks likely that Nintendo will have 40 titles out by Christmas (in the USA). compared with the 280 games available for the PlayStation, though as we all know, quantity is no guarantee of quality.

Not everyone agrees. Jim Pride, Product Manager at Nintendo's UK distributor THE Games, said, "The much-vaunted 200-plus games for the PlayStation is no indication of quality, not if 150 of them are crap". People like quality and that's what the N64 has in abundance.

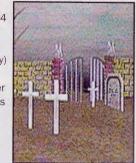
Human Wrestling **Human Entertainment**

Alas, Human Entertainment's second N64 outing, the grip-andgrappler Human Wrestling, is as dead as Hulk Hogan's film

career. Worse still, the company is turning its back on the N64 completely, concentrating for the time being on other projects. Here at 64 extreme we

have our doubts about this being a permanent move - after all, Electronic Arts abandoned the N64 stating that the format was not lucrative enough, but changed their minds when they saw the great games being produced for it and (more importantly) how well they were selling.

Human Wrestling is dead and buried, but you never know - it might come back. Human Entertainment's last game, Human GP (F1 Pole Position outside Japan) wasn't up to much though, scoring a mere 60% in Issue #3. Perhaps this bone-bender's demise is no great loss.



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ZELDA AND YOSHI TO GET A 'BIT' BIGGER

MIYAMOTO'S FORTHCOMING BLOCKBUSTERS TO BE EXPANDED

The next two games from Nintendo's creative genius Shigeru Miyamoto, are to be greatly expanded and improved. Zelda 64, the most eagerly awaited game since Mario 64, is now twice its original size while Yoshi's Story (previously Yoshi's Island) is 33 percent bigger. The extra memory will be used for improved sound and graphics, more levels, more characters and stronger aesthetics.

Zelda 64 is now advertised as having 256 megabits, with Yoshi's Story





clocking in at 128. Even stripping away the hyperbolic, irrelevant term 'megabit' (the term doesn't really exist and was invented to make memory sizes look more impressive), the games still boast an amazing 32 megabytes for Zelda and 16 for Yoshi's Story. Even the superlative Mario 64 was only 8 megabytes, and we know how good that was. Zelda 64 will still be compatible with the forthcoming 64DD Drive.

Yoshi's Story is scheduled to reach store shelves in fall 1997, while Zelda 64 will appear sometime next year.





YET MORE ZELDA STUFF

THE VERY LATEST INFORMATION ON ZELDA 64



More details are emerging regarding features in Link's latest adventure, Zelda 64.

Link has a horse to ride in this outing. To date, he can only walk alongside his equestrian companion, but in the final version he'll be able to ride it. Rumour has it that certain button combinations will offer stunts and tricks WaveRace 64-style, but this is yet to be confirmed. Another of Link's companions is Popiries the phylon, a fairy-like creature who not only protects Link, but also tells you whether other characters are good or bad by turning into different colours.

Much like Arsene
Wenger, Link has an
impressive arsenal! His
long sword cuts enemies
to ribbons when outside,
but for fighting indoors
he uses his shorter
blade. Each sword has
its own special attacks
activated with the
analogue controller. The
longbow is catered for
too.

Link himself can jump in Zelda 64, but unlike (for example) Mario, his jumps are realistic in terms of height and

length. Jumping will prove essential for defeating certain obstacles, but superhuman jumps aren't needed. Game designer Shigeru Miyamoto says, "I've always tried to create places in a video game which don't exist in the real world. You might even feel like you've actually been there. You might want to curse the person who created the dungeon. Maybe you'll have a nightmare". Judging what we've seen of the game so far, he could well be right. Check out our Work in Progress section for the very latest screen shots of this great game.





COMPO CORNER

What's this guy on about?

Something rather puzzling came to our attention this month here at 64 extreme. Dr Tom Shakespeare, writing in the Guardian and quoted in Private Eye's Pseuds Corner, says the following about computer games:

"Videogames are a symptom, not a cause, of social degeneration... The triumph of Tomb Raider's Lara Croft and Mario the Plumber is part of the tendency towards the privatised, consumerist post-modern condition that is reflected in many other areas of life". Has anyone got the faintest idea what he's talking about? If you think you know, write in and tell us. There's a mystery prize for the three best (or most sarcastic) answers we receive. Send your entries to 'WHAT'S THAT MAD GIT ON ABOUT'

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N64 RELEASE DATES



SEPTEMBER

09/97 - Multi-Racing Championship Ocean)

09/97 - Mischief Makers



(Nintendo/Treasure) 09/97 - Lamborghini 64 (Titus)

OCTOBER

10/97 - F1 Pole Position 64 (Ubi

10/97 - Jeopardy! (Take 2/Gametek)

10/97 - Mace: The Dark Age (Midway)

10/97 - Wheel of Fortune (Take 2/Gametek)



20/10/97 - Clay Fighter 63 1/3 (Interplay)

20/10/97 - Extreme-G (Acclaim)

20/10/97 - Top Gear Rally

(Midway/Kemco/Boss)

28/1097 - NFL Quarterback Club '98 (Acclaim)

NOVEMBER

11/97 - Aero Fighters Assault (Video System USA)

11/97 - WCW vs. NWO: World Tour

04/11/97 - MK Mythologies: Sub-Zero (Midway)

11/11/97 - Madden 64 (EA Sports) 11/11/97 - San Francisco RUSH (Midway)

14/11/97 - Duke Nukem 64 (GT Interactive)

15/11/97 - Robotron 64 (Midway) 18/11/97 - Wayne Gretzky's 3D



Hockey '98 (Midway)

24/11/97 - Diddy Kong Racing (Nintendo/Rare)

DECEMBER

01/12/97 - Bomberman 64

(Nintendo/Hudson)

20/12/97 - NBA In The Zone '98 (Konami)

4TH QUARTER '97

TBA - Robotech: Crystal Dreams (Gametek)

TBA - Space Station: Silicon Valley (BMG Entertainment/DMA)

1ST QUARTER '98

TBA - Bio Freaks (Midway)

TBA - NHL Breakaway '98 (Acclaim)

TBA - Quest 64 (THQ)

TBA - Tonic Trouble (Ubi Soft)

TBA - Turok 2 (Acclaim)

TBA - Virtual Chess 64 (Titus)

TBA - WWF '98 (Acclaim)

JANUARY '98

Nagano Winter Olympics '98 (Konami)

Mystical Ninja 64 (Konami)

FEBRUARY '98

G.A.S.P. (Konami)



Yoshi's Story (Nintendo)

MARCH '98

Conker's Quest (Rare) Quake 64 (Midway)

Banjo-Kazooie (Nintendo/Rare)

MLB Featuring Ken Griffey, Jr.

(Nintendo/Angel) SPRING '98

Earthworm Jim 3 (Interplay)

Forsaken (Acclaim) NBA Jam '98

(Acclaim)

2ND QUARTER '98

TBA - Body Harvest (Nintendo/DMA) TBA - Castlevania 64

(Konami) TBA - F-Zero 64 (Nintendo)

TBA - Hybrid Heaven (Konami)

TBA - Superman: The Animated Series (Titus)

TBA - Zelda 64 (Nintendo)

JULY '98

Freak Boy (Virgin)



1998

TBA - Earthbound 64 (64DD)

(Nintendo)

TBA - FIFA: Road to the World Cup

'98 (EA Sports)

TBA - GEX: Enter the Gecko (Midway/Crystal Dynamics)

TBA - Magic: The Gathering (Acclaim)

TBA - Mario Paint 64 (64DD)

(Nintendo)

TBA - Mortal Kombat 4 (Midway)

TBA - NBA Fast Break (Midway)

TBA - Pilotwings 64 II

(Nintendo/Paradigm)

TBA - Quest for Camelot (Titus)

TBA - Sim City 64 (64DD) (Nintendo)

TBA - Sim Copter 64 (Maxis)

TBA - Space Circus (Ocean)

TBA - Turrican 64 (Factor 5)

TBA - Ultra Soccer (Acclaim)

The following titles are all in development, but we would rather predict the outcome of Mongolian Cup Final than hazard a guess as to when they will be released!

TBA - Actua Golf (Interplay)

TBA - Buggie-Boogie (Nintendo/Angel)

TBA - Command and Conquer (Virgin)

TBA - Creator (64DD) (Nintendo)

TBA - Cruis'n World (Midway)

TBA - Daikatana 64 (ION Storm)

TBA - Dead Ahead (Optical

Entertainment)

TBA - Deadly Honor (TecMagik)

TBA - Donkey Kong Country 64



(64DD) (Nintendo/Rare)

TBA - Flights of the U.N. (Video System USA)

TBA - Golgo 13 (Vic Tokai)

TBA - Grand Prix Racing (Video System USA)

TBA - Joust Epic (Midway)

TBA - Kirby's Air Ride (Nintendo)

TBA - Knife Edge (Kemco)

TBA - Legion X (Hudson)

TBA - Lode Runner 64 (Big Bang)

TBA - Paperboy 64 (Mindscape)

TBA - Rotor Gunner (TecMagik)

TBA - Super Mario 64 II (64DD) (Nintendo)

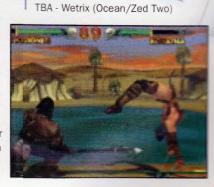
TBA - Super Mario RPG 2 (64DD) (Nintendo)

TBA - Twisted Edge Snowboarding

TBA - Ultra Combat (GT Interactive)

TBA - Ultra Descent (Interplay)

TBA - Unreal (64DD) (GT Interactive/DMA)



t's Ex-Files time again. These riotous, raucous rumours glibly gracing

the gaming globe are tantalisingly tenuous in their truths. Most are muddled mish-mashes, many made up, but a single story is seriously spoton. Can you find the factual factor in this flagrant file of fibs? Or will you wonder, worry and wail, wishing you were wiser? Peruse our perfect pieces of poetic prose and puzzle it out...

TROUBLE IN TELETUBBIE LAND

Probe Entertainment, creators of this month's ace cover game Extreme-G, have got themselves into a pickle.

According to an industry source, after a particularly long late-night session working on the game, they relaxed by watching the Teletubbies on BBC2. One of the development

team laughed so much at Po's comment when Tinky Winky fell off his chair, he used it in a cheat. Trouble is, the teletubbies speak in a peculiar baby-like gibberish. When he arrived at work the next morning, he found he'd forgotten how he'd spelt the cheat the previous day and therefore couldn't activate it. "I feel such an arse", said the unnamed miscreant. "It was something like 'stroogleboogle yipyipyip phoowhoo', but I doubt I'll ever find it again."

BALLS TO INSPIRATION

There's an interesting story behind this month's review rave Tetrisphere. According to a source close to the programming team, the game's designer spent months looking for a new angle on Tetris, but was unable to come up with an original idea. Having decided every variation worth pursuing had already been tried in games like Tetris

Blast, Wordtris and Welltris, the project was put on ice.

A few days later the designer (a keen golfer) took to the fairways on his local green. On the fifteenth hole he was struck on the head by a

stray ball. He fell to the ground with his own ball a mere six inches from the end of his nose. As he lost consciousness, the stars spinning around his head were gradually transferred to the ball, orbiting like planets around a sun. The Tetris project flashed before him and the stars became solid shapes as his thoughts finally faded. When he woke in hospital he called for a pen and paper - Tetrisphere was born.



CROON RAIDER?

While we in N64 land wait for our version of Tomb Raider, the game's gorgeous heroine is busy working on a hit single. Lara Croft's assault on the pop charts, entitled A Beautiful Day, is set for a September 22nd release. Lara Croft-lookalike Rhona Metra (pictured here), who dresses as Croft for the Tomb Raider ads, handles the vocals and the song is produced by Dave Stewart of Eurythmics fame. Hard on the heels of the single, a Tomb Raider movie is expected early next year. Details are sketchy at the moment, but according to an industry source, Liz Hurley is pencilled in to play the lead

PIRATES IN A PICKLE

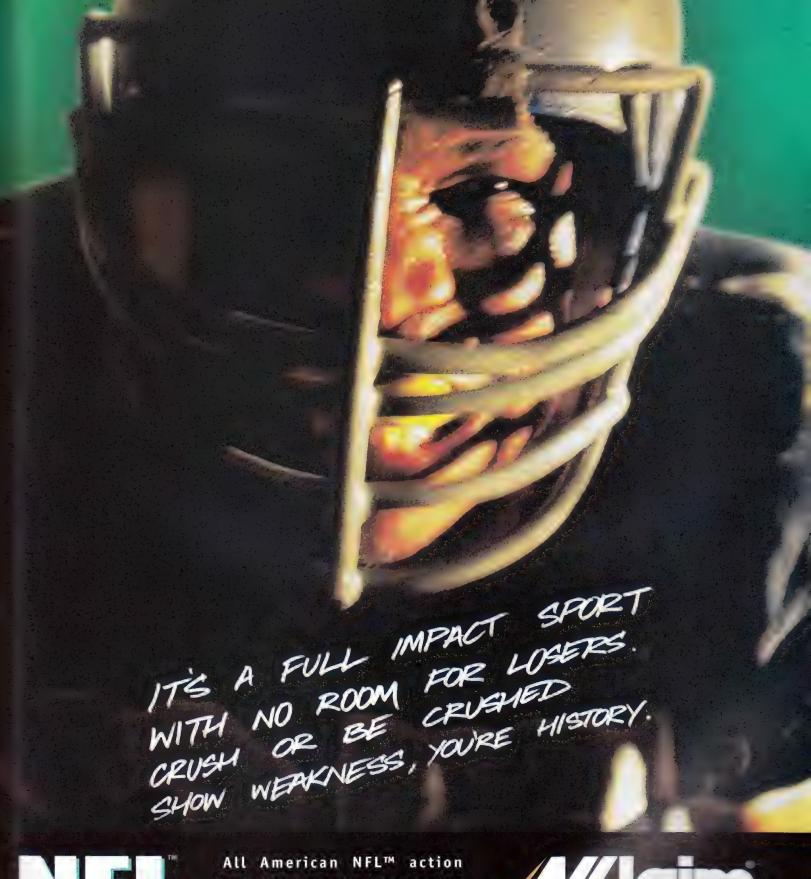
An attempt by a Middle-Eastern piracy syndicate to cash in on the N64's success was thwarted by their lack of knowledge of the games industry. Our piratical plonkers decided to put together a compendium of ten N64 games and release them on a single, illegal cartridge, selling for around a hundred pounds. Mr Big ordered his henchmen to find ten suitable games. "Get me some '64 titles, and get them now", he growled. "I'll be out of the country for a few months. When I return, I expect
10,000
carts
produced,
boxed and
ready to
ship."
A few
months
later he

returned

to find the carts had indeed been manufactured as he instructed. Duly impressed. he asked the development guys how they managed to copy the games. "It was easy", said the unforgiven chief engineer. "We found a pile of them on tape format. Putting them onto a cart was a simple task." Alas, for all their electronics expertise the pirates knew nothing about games. They had taken software designed for the COMMODORE 64, an ageing 8-bit offering. For the cart's asking price (£100) you can buy a Commodore 64, a joystick, several dozen games and a slap- up chip supper for you and a friend. The nowuseless cartridges were taken into the desert and dumped into a big hole, along with the body of the unfortunate programmer.

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"What do you mean you forgot your strides?"

THEPLOP REVOLVES AROUNDAWORLD OF JAPANESE MYPHS AND LEGENDS HOASTING FREE ROAMING DRAGONS AND LITTLE CAT DRHAMENT TYPE

t's very hard to find somewhere to start when reviewing the weird, but even harder when reviewing anything remotely oriental. Unfortunately, Goemon 5 is both very weird and very Oriental! So I think I'll start with a bit of background on the boy wonder himself.

Are you sitting comfortably? Then I'll begin...

The character Goemon is actually based on a multiple murderer called Ishikawa Goemon who was alive in Japan during the late 1500's. When he was just a snip of a lad he robbed his own master and killed three men while trying to escape. Nasty boy! Goemon continued stealing (and practising the ancient art of the Japanese swordsman) until he was caught and sentenced to death by being boiled in a vat of rather hot oil. Before frazzling like a chip in a chip



"Who did that to your hair? Tell me and I'll kill 'em for 'ya.

pan, he wrote a rather nice poem which is still recited to this day. In actual fact, the intro is accompanied by the actual poem but in corny karaoke style. Ahhh! How nice.

"Does the amazing tale of murder and mystery make any difference to the plot of Goemon 5?", I hear you

cry. Well... No, not so as you'd notice anyway. Saying that though, my Japanese translation skills are nothing to write home about, but this does, however, unearth a serious point. The plot revolves around a world of Japanese myths and legends boasting free roaming dragons and little cat ornament type



"I may be fat, but all the girls love it!"

PHINGS.









Goomon 5 has adopted very similar touches to the 16 bit version

Goemon 5 bleeds playability. It's great fun to pay with what looks like lots of Jap jokes and parodies, it's just a great shame that you can't understand a goddam word of it

Ultimately Goemon 5 is always going to be compared to Super Mario 64. I did it myself when I first switched it on, but changed my tune after five minutes of button bashing It may look similar to Mazza but we

ability is his strength, Ebisumaru (fat blue boy) can shrink in size and Yae (green hardo girle) can swim under water, etc. This makes the puzzle pitting opportunities almost endless and increases the challenge of the game way above that of Mario 64. If the game was going to be compared at all I would compare it only to the likes of Zelda. There you have it, lesson over.

CONTROL

f you do choose to buy the Jap vers on of Goemon 5, then the nstructions manual is going to be as much good to you as using sandpaper to wipe your arse. So out of the kindness of my heart nere is a run-down of the controls.

A button: Jump and talk utter, utter Jap to the towns peop e. B button: Use selected weapon or other style objects in your arsenal.

LEFT C button: Select different weaponry.

UP C button: Use your special weapon (when acquired).
RIGHT C button: To select the on-screen map

DOWN C button: To change your

selected character.

START button: Pauses the game and accesses item screen.

Z TRIGGER button: If pressed while game is paused it accesses the entire map of old Japan.

R SHOULDER button: Hold R and use the C buttons to control the camera in much the same way as you would in Mario 64.

It's great fun to play with what looks like lots of Jap jokes and parodies, it's just a great shame that you can't understand a goddam word. Doh!

things. It seems that a large UFO has come to cause mayhem in Old Japan and your main objective is to seek and destroy it before it's too late (or something). This is all very nice but the game leaves you without the faintest sniff of English text so you are at a great disadvantage when it comes to understanding the details of the plot. This is not to say that the game is unplayable because

all know looks can be deceiving (take our editor for example). Graphically perhaps yes. Goemon is similar to Mario (with big brass knobs on though), but the gameplay is much deeper than collecting gold stars and snogging Princess Peach. A great example of this is the choice of different characters as each character has distinctly different abilities. Goemons special



"I'll be Will Smith and you can be the one that cops it in the plane."



➤ "We're the one's trut want age wer coarpplanet or something





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Any review would not be complete without a run-down of the lovely weapons at your disposal in Goemon 5. Here are the weapons for the dreadful duo Goemon and Ebisumaru.

GOEMON

PIPE: This is his primary weapon you'll find in the house right at the start of the game.

SPRING: This wonderful weapon will extend straight out into the distance and then retract quickly. It's good for taking out two or three enemies at a time and can be used as a grappling hook to take you across large gaps not normally accessible.

COINS: You've probably heard the saying, "Throwing your money away" but this is literally just that. You can use your valuable money as a projectile to take out tricky foes from a distance.

SPECIAL: The ability to become very strong.

EBISUMARU

HAMMER: Your average every day wooden mallet.

RED HAMMER HEAD: Not your average every day wooden mallet. It's stronger and covers a wider area when he swings it.

CAMERA: A camera as a weapon in ancient Japan you say? This is what makes the game so mad. It makes invisible enemies visible, c ever that

SPECIAL: Ebisumaru can shrink in size to get to those hard to reach places as it were

I have to say that my favourite feature of the game is the huge robot you can control. This rather large robotic version of Goemon first appeared in the second Ganbare Goemon outing on the SNES. The idea is that you control your robot friend from the cockoit and fight another large robot in a one-on-one peat-'em-up type scenario Your moves include normal left and right handed punches, the coin shot and a rather nifty tow cable that can drag your opponent into close quarters so and give him a damn good going s move is remarkably similar

to that of Scorpion's hook move in which he shoots a rope with a hook on the end across the screen into his opponent's guts. He then reels them in and kicks the crap out of them, "COME 'ERE!"

About six years ago, Goemon hit the SNES for the first time with what turned into Legend Of The Mystical Ninia. The differences can clearly be seen in the transition from early 16bit graphics to state of the art 64-bit technology as far as these screen shots go, but graphics are not the be all and end all, I'll have you know. Let's talk about gameplay and other





fundamental aspects. The Legend Of The Mystical Ninja was a mix of 2D scrolling beat-'emup and isometric adventure. You collected money by killing badies and betting at the races (?!) and spent it on important things like armour, life reviving food and perhaps a quick

game of Parodius or Hockey. I can quite honestly say that it was my number one SNES game of all time without a shadow of a doubt. The graphics were bright, colourful and the game was just full of beans using different sub-games and missions to perfection. There had



been nothing quite like it previous to ts American release and I was hooked from the start. If you're one for a spot of retro gaming I suggest you get straight down to your nearest second hand dealer and snap up a SNES and Mystical Ninja as soon as you can.

Through my experience with the Goemon games I can see the quirky gameplay elements that I know and love poking through onto the N64. The same humour has been

By rights, any sane gamer should play Goeman 5 for a few minutes and then run screaming as soon as he/she sees the huge wads of Japanese text that glues the game together, making it extremely unuser friendly (to us westerners, anyway). But this is Goeman, so that makes it different and like Russ says. there is a fantastic game here if only you persevere with it. Come on Konami. give us non Japanese speaking gamers a break and translate it for a western audience!

Pete

adopted with the same vital game elements to create the same lovely texture and feel as the rest of the series.

I don't know about you but I can't understand a damn word of Japanese text. This perhaps you already know. But what you probably don't know is that the text in Goemon 5 is pretly vital to getting yourself through to the end of the game. Super Mano 64 Jap version wasn't rendered impossible to complete due to the text because most of it was only hints and tips whereas here you have to talk to people, answer their questions take to their advice. I like to think that!



There's another cat ornament to add to the collection

The cart weighs in at a phenomenal 128mb which is the biggest N64 cart so far.

have an advantage due to my blue haired past, but I fear you may not have been so lucky. If you weren't, take my advice: If you are interested in buying the game try and sit on your money until around Christmas or New Year because there are a few roomers flying about regarding a possible American release. If it's an RPG/adventure game you're after, Geoman 5 will still be the first.



"Give me five, big robot dude



The only thing that may snub this great news is the sheer size of the game. The cart weighs in at a phenomenal 128mb which is the biggest N64 cart so far. As the carts are so expensive to produce this means that the price would easily top 80 notes. Let's only hope that Konami can set up a special deal with Nintendo to sort this problem out. Russ



We come in peace (not). It's ID4 all over again.

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scores

graphics

More detailed and colourful than Super Marlo 64. There's very little pop-up but a smidge of slow-down here and there.

SOURS

Your common or garden FX with nice Oriental ditties in the background. They do the job nicely.

gameplay

You can't beat this one for gameplay. There's enough here for a small third world country.

litespan

Tricky one really. There's little chance of beating it with the Jap text, but if the rest of the series is anything to go by this should outlive your tortoise.

overall

There's a stunning game there trying to fight its way out of a brown paper bag with 'Bloody Jap Textill' written across it. No doubt would rate amongst Turok and Mario if it was the American version.

Godemakers

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Ben Johnson of the videogame world.



Remember the Sub of November

all it Go Go TroubleMakers, call it Yuke Yuke TroubleMakers, call it Mischief Makers, call it what you want! The developers behind this wacky title are Treasure and if you're new to all of this videogame business and want to know a little history about these guys then here's a quickie to expand your brain. Treasure was founded by ex-Konami staff. While working for Konami they produced Contra III and Castlevania IV for the NES. They've also produced the manic Guardian Heroes, a side scrolling beat-'em-up that was a huge success on the Saturn due to its multiple endings. If that's not enough, these walking weirdos produced Gunstar Heroes, Dynamite Headdy, both for the Megadrive - and again, both a success. So really they know what they're doing.



Nintendo releases a new machine, the king of 3D machines. What do Treasure develop, a 2D side scroller. It's the first 2D scoller to appear on the machine, and graphically the game doesn't register on my Baywatch Standard.

So how the hell does Treasure expect to self any copies. Well, if you've ever played a title from Treasure you'll know that gameolay saves the day. And this is certainly the case in this very retro looking Go Go TroubleMakers.

THE THINGS I DO FOR Y

.K releast, and you decide to purchase this on import here's a quick translation 'as the mives such will obviously be a great help to you, but don't thank me. . . ming the whole of the Japanese language in three days was hard but 10F 50 F

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Throw - direction pad plus B butt-Shake After grabbing, press Down twice

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Dash - tap List or Right on one sion pad and then the relevant C button Hovering - press A button to jump, then either tap the top C, or hold top C and tap Up on the direction pad

Sliding - hold Down on the direction, and and press A button

Sliding Jump - hold Down on the direction pad and quickly press A button twice) Roll - hold Down on the direction pad and press bottom C

CHAPPY

Punch - button B, or tap three times for triple commination Jump button A, or tap three times for triple jump

Defence hold Down on direction pad

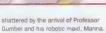
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Let's kick in this psychedelic review by letting you in on a bit of the storvline, but please remember that this is the Japanese version so this is basically what I've worked out by drinking lots of mushroom tea and eating the Jap manual. Don't worry though, I put salt on it first. Anyway, the planet of Nendro (don't quote me on the that name!) has been

Gumbel and his robotic maid, Marina. He is hastily captured by the





Chappy. He looks like a TroubleMaker, but I don't know why he's helping you - maybe he fancies Marina, he might even fancy the professor. anything's possible in this

game!

Marina has to shake her way through

topsy turvy levels in each and even though I wasn't top of my class at maths, that's a whopping sixty levels. Yes, I did say shake remember, this is Treasure! Each of these sixty levels has concealed secret levels and these in turn have strange secret levels within them. After completing each level you'll receive a grading from A - D and so far

Nintendo releases the king of 3D machines. What do Treasure develop? A 2D side scroller.

TroubleMakers and Marina has to save him. You take on the role of Marina and sometimes the role of five worlds altogether, filled with...well. take a look at the screenshots - it's mostly indescripable! There's twelve

can gather that this is only determined on how quick you complete a level. But once a level is completed you can





MOLD FOR IT!

Those Japanese love merchandising it doesn't matter how obscure the game is, they is still find something to plank it on. Even the nonsensical Go Go Trouble Makers managed to make it onto several postcards These were given away free at the Tokyo Toy Show - well, let's be











return to it at any time to improve your grading or explore the level deeper to find the hidden areas. Once you have acquired a rating of A on a level, that rating wish stay with you even if you return to that level to search for extra areas and receive a D in doing so.

Each of the levels are scattered with gems of various colours that Manna must collect, where she puts them, heaven knows. The blue gypsy ones are very common and reptenish your energy only slightly, they then tarmac desperate you are to see the end storvline will determine how long you'll spend hunting down the ellusive yellow gems.

To get through each level, Marina must achieve a certain goal, these vary from level to evel. This is what makes Go Go TroubleMakers exciting, different, entertaining, damn right mad - however you want to describe it, it's all down to gameplay. Firstly, the areas are sprinkled with TroubleMakers. some of which can be spoken to. I

There's twelve topsy turvy levels in each, which makes that a total of a whopping sixty levels.

the road and sell heather to people passing by. The less-common snotty green gems also replenish your energy but on a larger scale, these then hold tea parties and eat sticky buns - obvious/v the madness of Treasure is wearing off me. If your energy bar is already full, a new life will be awarded. The red gems are collected to increase your continues. Once the TroubleMakers have finished having their wicked way with you and Manna is no more, you can buy extra lives in exchange for red gems. Ten red gems will buy you one life, thirty will buy you two and a hundred will buy all three back. As you can freely return to levels and as all of the gems are replenished, collecting red gems for continues is not a problem. The vellow gems are not scattered around the levels, but you will find a single one in each level - usually in a hard-toreach area. Each yellow gem will allow you to see one scene from the end sequence, so depending on how

think for hints and tips. But as all the text is Japanese, they could actually be telling Marina what a lovely pair of robotic bits she has for all I know. Anyway, having Jap text doesn't hinder your progression through the levels. but you do miss out on the storyline that would gel all of the levels together and give you some kind of purpose. Marina's goals are diverse and wacky and as there are so many, things never get boring. You start off by collecting bombs to explode the red blocks to access gems and the teleporting stars that transport you to new areas and to the end of the evel. You are then eased into a world of circular faces that Marina can jump to and from. These circular 'scream like' faces start appearing on springs. roundabouts, wire railway, etc. which Marina can use to access higher and harder-to-reach areas. While all this is happening your goals start to change from simply reaching the exit star to picking up TroubleMakers and





from the review. Go Go TM has finally pushed Dazza's already demented mind over the edge! Go Go TM is a truly innovative game that is at first a little off putting just because it is so different, Of course your initial confusion isn't helped by masses of Jap text, but with a bit of perseverance their is a fantastic gaming experience waiting to be discovered, I'm certain that when the UK version is released it will

As you can tell

positioning them in the right areas to open up new stars - again, this is all accompanied by your hunt for gems. Half way through the first world you really realise that this is going to be a tripped-out retro head spinner, as Chappy appears in his robot block version. Manna jumps up on and rides TroubleMaker children and takes them back to their igloo home - I'm going

Do ya get my drift? This is drug induced chaos!

The downers are you can only use the direction pad and not the stick. I

him through the screaming TroubleMakers, In later levels, Marina flies on rockets to negotiate levels. Enters rooms that spin a complete 360 degrees to activate new areas.

haven't found an option to change this so far, which is a shame as I feel Marina would be a lot easier to control on those tricky jumps if you had use of the analogue. The music

This is a good game that I feel will appeal to a lot of people, but try before you buy!

Fights a boxing dragon boss, where she has to grab its fists and re-direct them into the dragon's own face. Enters a mini Olympics to race in the 100m, 200m, 400m, longjump. hurdles, potball and mathsball, Fights a huge bee and a large blue dog. Plays dodgeball with a crying cat. No, I'm not making this up! Rides bikes, large springs. Attacks TroubleMakers with a tennisball shotgun. Breaks up a fight between two warring TroubleMaker families. Collects a group of

and sound effects are, to put it nicely - bollocks. There are plenty of those annoying yelps, thuds, screams, etc. which don't add to the realism but simply eat away at your ear drums at a frantic rate. I suppose I should add the graphics as a downer really, they're bright and chaotic but not really up to scratch. If Treasure had produced top quality graphics with the top quality gameplay that they have achieved then they would not just have a hit on their hands but a

monster seller!

To sum things up, this is a good game that I feel will appeal to a lot of people. But it's definitely a title that prayers should try before they buy. An English version is on the cards as Nintendo have bought the publishing right for outside of Japan. Over here it will be called Misch ef Makers, And with English text, this game will improve, but don't worry if you're thinking

of buying it on import, the Japanese text won't hinder your progress.

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scores

graphics

Hallucinogenic 2D evebender that does the job but is nowhere near the standard the N64 is capable of.

sound

This doesn't enhance the game in any way. In certain levels I even turned the sound off as It was grinding my knackers.

gamenlay

Treasure knows how to kee a player Interested. Before you're bored of a task you're on to another and then another - faster than a nun's

first curry! lifespan

Trying to increase your grading will keep most gamers interested. This will be enhanced when a UK version is released due to the storyline gelling levels and puzzles together.

overall

The first 2D side scroller has come up trumps, not on looks but purely on gameplay. It's a psychedelic trip through a land that not even Lennon could have envisioned.

score even

higher than

82%. Not bad for

a 2D platformer!

Tetrisphere

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ANDFLASHY.

hen I first started playing Tetrisphere. people in the office kept on coming up behind me and saying, "Oh that looks good, what are you supposed to do and how do you do it?" And I wanted to say, "Bugger off. can't you see I'm trying to concentrate". Besides which how on earth do you try to simply explain a game like this. Which Isn't very promising when you are then confronted with having to write a review about the game in question. Tetrisphere is a very instinctive game to play, It makes you feel a bit like being the deaf dumb and blind kid playing pinball in



► The two player option can get insanely compet Tetrisphere was originally announced a long time before the N64's debut.

Everything in the game is crystal clear. Not a pixel to be found. Truly eye pleasing.

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Then the delays settled in, But the wait has been worth it. Canadian developer H2O, has created a masterpace. Let's not beat about the bush, we now have a 64-bit puzzle game, which uses those extra bits to make the puzzle game a little more sophist cated and flashy, it takes a chunk of the original Tetris ideas and blends it with the main objective of Tetrisphere: to get to the core. Whatever the point of the game is, it hardly matters because it.

The game's got some nice eye candy, taking puzzle games visually to a new level. All of the Tetris pieces are vibrant, and eye-catching

with bold colours that are all accompanied by equally splendid backgrounds. The backgrounds are simple but psychedelic in their own way and if you stare at them for a while you may pass out! The game is much clearer and cosper than the screen shots would lead one to believe. Everything in the game is crystal clear. Not a pixel to be found Truly eye pleasing. The letters are clear cut and to put it simply. everything is sharp. The letters tremselves, when a level is complete, have a metallic shine to them, much like those found in WaveRace. The Tetrisphere bots are also very nicely modelled and they an mate with some funky textures. In a word, the visuals are odd

All the sound effects are pretty good. The block's explosions emit a satisfying explosive sound and sliding blocks around gives the impression of dragging something heavy. Launching a rocket sets off a

HOW TO BLOW UP YOUR BALLS!

Now listen up to Professor Ping Pong while he gives a Tetrisphere master class. There are three levels ranging from basic to expert and jolly helpful they are too. Once you have completed your tutorial training, you can hone your skills in the practice mode.



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than Pete. To give

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to how insanely

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house has been

burgled and the

Tetrisphere cart

just so I could

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night beating

Pete's highest

score! Believe me

enjoyed Tetris, or

any other puzzler

for that matter,

you will simply

love Tetrisphere.

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would have given this terrific







The music deserves a special mention, it's simply the best music done on the N64 so far.

sort of loud start and hissing as it flies off and then a gratifying explosion. The music deserves a special mention, it's simply the best music done on the N64 so far. The music consists of some drum n' bass techno-funk and ambient house. All the tracks are very catchy and original in composition and clarity, which shows once again that cartridges can compete with CD's. The game is populated with these little characters called bots. Bots are robots, as if you couldn't figure that out, but are based around a spherical shape and also maintain the cutesy sort of design that characterises so many Nintendo games. Of course, they're not purely spherical at all. Each has a different sort of shape and personality, I might add, but can tuck it all in and turn into a perfect little sphere. It is rather hard to explain, but take my word for it, they are a great addition.

Then there's the light sourcing. When

instant flash of white light shoots out. because the core itself is a bright ball of white light. There are some excellent examples of light sourcing. Not only on the sphere but on the bots as well During the cut scenes. there is some excellent light sourcing to be seen. Not to mention just during the game itself when the bots perform their victory/losing dances and when they go head to head in vs mode. All the animation is silky smooth. The bots move with style and personality and do all sorts of wacky things like Jak's disco dancing. Even the blocks move and explode well. When a block explodes it shafters into several small pieces of shrapnel. which fade out gracefully, so as not to disturb gameplay. The sphere

> are just backgrounds. Some look like what could make a really cool warp. others are simply made of some excellent colour variations and others have nice designs. But the backgrounds don't just stand there, they move.



remain backgrounds. Even the menu backgrounds are neat. Everything in the game pulses and moves, complimenting the music.

The gameplay department is obviously where any puzzle game is going to live or die. No matter how pretty the graphics are or how great the music is, all puzzle games are decided only in this area. Well retime tell you this. Tetrisphere survies with flying colours. At first Tetrisphere does look a circomplex to play, the developers on, his virealised this, because the tirst time the cartridge is ever an lessed to goes right to the fotor ain ode and trust me, t.: ser a bad idea isee par at The gar e has plenty of go e man oose from, In 1claver in the choose from the to owing: Rescue - get to the core to release a friendly blob. Hide & Seek different objectives each puzzle (similar to Rescue, but not quite). Puzzle - puzzles on the sphere you

rotates nicely and the backgrounds part of the core is exposed, an are really neat to look at, even if they

Russ

BREAKING OUT YOUR BALLS

Tetrisphere may well be a puzzle game, but that does not mean that it can't have a fancy intro. Oh no, it has a lovely intro sequence where all of the bots in the game burst out of the sphere and fly around the screen. Very moressive it is too.









Another nice power up is the rocket

must solve. Time Trial - allotted time to complete one sphere. VS CPU self explanatory really. The 3 main modes are Rescue, Hide & Seek and Puzzle. Each of these are divided into 10 episades with each episade containing 10 levels. Meaning each mode has 100 different levels, adding up to a shocking 300 levels. Talk about your really value and iastability.

Rescue mode enables you to free your bot friend from the centre of the sphere. Hide and Seek puts you



The bots square up before each bout

believe, combines combos so to speak. Also, you can perform combos that start at the innermost layer and work their way up and so on. You have an X meter which is raised by destroying blocks other than using combos. Moreover, you have a magic meter which allows to hold and advance you magical items and a speed meter which works like a clock: as it slowly makes it all the way around, it does this 3 times, the sphere moves closer to the screen. Should it hit the screen, you lose one



Who's a clever boy then

Tetrisphere is a great game, one of the top NG4 titles available, and just maybe tied with Tetris and Tetris Attack for the best puzzler of all. There is literally tons of replay value and the game is certain to last for a long time to come. The game is definitely worth being called a Nintendo game and ranks up there with all the other excellent titles. Tetrisphere isn't just for puzzle fanatics, it's for anyone and everyone. Pete **

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through all sorts of different objectives and eventually capture your other friends. Puzzle mode is the one that makes you use your head. You have a set number of slides and drops to perform in which you must clear all the blocks.

Players can create combos by aligning several pieces together. You can also do fuse combos which, I of your 3 lives. Each time you do a combo, tiny white balls shoot out and hit other pieces which turns them into power pieces, which is shown through their brighter and glowing colour. These are used to take time off the

What's more, you can play versus a friend or the computer. The vs. mode holds a new sort of gameplay style where you can dump dark pleces, which are a pain to get ind of by making combos. And there's a training mode where you can learn how to play and how to do what, etc. After the training mode, you can go to the practice mode and try it all out. Yery useful to have.

There is also a 2-player versus mode which can be put to 8-players for tournament purposes only (only 2-way split screen is available here). Tetrisphere also supplies the ability to pick your own bot personality and there are seven bots to choose from. Each bot has its own Speed/Power attributes and vary a good deal, which is a nice touch



SCULES

graphics

The graphics are simply flawless. Vibrant and crystal clear.

sound

Nice sound effects and the best music ever to appear on a cartridge.

gameplay

Utterly, utterly addictive.
Minutes just dissolve into
hours as soon as you start to
play.

lifespan

With an excellent 2-player and lots of game modes to play through, Tetrisphere should last you a long, long time.

overall

96

Tetrisphere heralds the arrival of the puzzle game into the next generation. Flercely addictive and very polished. You owe it to yourself to give it a try.





Blast Corps

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ThE JaPanesE verSion Of Blast CorPs scored a Whacking 94% way back in Issue Two. The UK version has been optimised for PAL (in or Her words, converted Properly), so should be just as cool. But is it? Read on ANd find our...

last Corps is so original it's difficult to classify. You control buildozers, saloon cars and the like, but it's not a driving game. You destroy things with your vehicles, but it's not a shoot-'em-up. You free hostages and prevent a runaway nuclear missile carrier from exploding, but even save-'em-up seems

inappropriate. So where do we start? Let's cop out big time and start with the plot.

A runaway nuclear missile carner is neading for a town. If it strikes a soud object, it blows. As a junior in the Blast Corps, you must clear

a path for the runaway truck by leveiling anything in its way, releasing trapped survivors and activating Radiation Dispersal Units (RDUs) en route. Establish communications links with your HO by driving near Communication Points and leave the revel after the truck has run its course by entering the Blast Corps juggernaut. To succeed, you must master every vehicles' controls. You might need to solve puzzles before accessing a particular vehicle. Do well and you're promoted.

The levels are cleverly set out. Progress is not linear, each





depth, Rare have added some perpiexing puzzles. How do I get the car off the train? How can I blast the ship? Can I get my vehicle over the railway? These are problems to be solved with brains, not brawn





Despite its depth, Blast Corps is easy to get into.

completed stage opens paths to several more. Some paths are revealed by activating Communicions Points or rescuing trapped survivors. You're awarded medals depending on how you did get golds for every category and you've fully explored the stage. Luckily, you can return to already-completed levels if you miss anything.

The beauty of this game is its subtlety. Even smashing things up requires a certain panache - charge in with no forward planing and you're sunk. Also, to give the game

Despite its depth, Blast Corps is easy to get into. A skillfullyconstructed on-screen tutorial guides you through the early stages, and well-signposted training and bonus evels let you hone your skills On the negative side, the camera zoom function doesn't go far enough. You often want to see more of the playing area, especially when exploring the level looking for isolated items. Over all, though, this s a minor moan. All in all, it's a thriling and original release.

What a game! The levels are set out so you can be stuck in several places and still make progress in others. The range of vehicles offer real depth. They don't all behave as you'd expect, but they handle consistently, so who cares? Great stuff

Pete

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SCHES

sound

Top-quality stuff. Doesn't use every trick up the machine's sleeve just because they're there.

sound

Top tunes and gripping FX.

gameplay
Like Operation Wolf before It,
this outing could define a

genre of its own - the Blast Core-'em-up?

lifespan

You should complete in a few weeks, and after that there's no real reason to go back to it.

overall

Games this original and playable are few and far between. The levels get steadily more challenging, the puzzles are tough but not convoluted and the atmosphere strong and consistent. Another great release from Rare.

RUBBLE TROUBLE

There are loads of vehicles on offer in Blast Corps, each of which has its own handling characteristics.

Master them all

RAMDOZER: The easiest machine on offer. Destroy buildings by driving into them. Use its awesome pushing power to move blocks of stone or TNT boxes. It's extremely slow. though - if you've exploring to do, don't go rambling in the

BACKLASH: This is one of the tricklest crafts. It pushes stone blocks and TNT with its front end, but only its rear is strong enough to topple towers. You can't just reverse into a building either. You must charge

forwards at full speed, performing a skidding turn and hitting it with your back end.

SKYFALL: This cute little craft is piddle poor at demolition; light crates and tiny constructs are all it can manage. It's very fast, though, especially use its

turbo booster.

after the initial roll.

THUNDERFIST: You make use this suit's powers by rolling into a building, taking it out like a bowling ball toppling skittles. Unlike the bowling ball, though, it can kick down any odd bits and pieces left standing

CYCLONE SUIT: This one's powerful, but difficult to redirect. Use it by charging forward and performing a series of gymnastic flips, devastating any buildings in your way, but clears a seriously long path, but there's no turning mid-performance.

J-BOMB: Walk up to your target and fire the jets, saking you vertically upward. Fly over the roof of the building you wish to crush (keeping an eye on your shadow nelps here), then drop onto the tower. flattening it under foot. The closer you are to the centre of the target, the more you destroy.

BALLISTA: This futuristic battle bilke has great speed and turns on a sixpence. It's equipped with two rocket launchers which are often all that's available to destroy structures you can't reach with anything else, e.g. the ship in Havoc District. You might have to mount hillsdies or rocks to get the correct trajectory.

SIDESWIPE:
This curious
truck's great fun
to use, Drive along,
hitting the shoulder

button to send a retractable battering ram powering from each side of the craft. It's great when drwng along residential areas, taking out houses on either side of the road. It's not so hot when it comes to cornering, though.

RACECARS: These are fast, but have zippo destructive powers. They're ideal for finding those last few features. The Racecars come in two models, the stars and stripes livery and the Starsky and Hutch rip-off

VAN: Another design pinched from a TV show, this black-and red monster will be familiar to fans of The 'A' Team (both of you). When you find this truck, it's yours to use on any of the bonus.

POLICE CAR:

Boy, is
this car crap.
It's like a slower, more
cumbersome version of the
Racecar, with no redeeming

features whatsoever. Even the siren gets on your nerves after a while.

TRAIN: They go forwards, they go backwards, they stay on the rails... well what did you expect it to do?



PLATFORM CRANE: This one's simple to use. Use the crane to move your vehicle over an obstacle such as a railway line or a wall. Keep your eyes peeled for them; they're not just for show.





PROBE PAST AND PRESENT

ow entering its thirteenth year, Probe has been responsible for some of the biggest license and coin-op conversions of all time, which have been produced across a variety of CD, computer and console systems.

Founded in 1984 by Fergus McGovern, Probe started developing and publishing a series of eight bit titles. The company soon earned the reputation of a solid and ground breaking developer. Before too long some of the UK publishing grants of the time including US Gold, Virgin and Ocean Software were entrusting their important licensed properties to Probe's development skills.

The conversion of the massive chart topping coin-ops of the eighties Outrun, Roadblasters and Metrocross extended Probe's already sparkling reputation, Probe in fact did over 22 conversions of Sega's classic com-op Outrun over 10 different formats, which has to be some kind of record! Moving into the era of the

16 bit consoles, Probe achieved enormous commercial success with a biend of huge film licenses such as Terminator 2, Alien 3 and Robocop 3 and massive coin op conversions. You may we'll remember a little game that Probe converted for a console formats for Acclaim, called Mortal Kombat 2 that caused oute a stir in the summer of 1994. In fact it grossed \$50m in just the first three days of its release. Other games developed by Probe for 16 bit consoles include. Super Monaco GP, Smash TV, G Loc. Golden Axe and Turbo Outrun.

Probe's success has continued with the 32 bit CD based Sony PlayStation and Sega Saturn, the most noteworthy recent titles have been the rather good film icensed Alien Trilogy and Die Hard Trilogy. So just what has this phenomenally successful software developer got up its sleeve for the N64? 64 extreme took a trip to Probe's Croydon based offices to meet some of the people who should know.

Extreme G



xtreme G is now finished and frankly looking damn stunning. Remarkably they had to take the extraordinary step of slowing the speed of the bikes down, because the game ran so fast that the programmers felt that most gamers would not be able to nandle the break neck speed of the races!

Extreme G boasts the most extravagant armoured and sound-barrier busting bikes ever. There are eight to choose from, each with varying degrees of acceleration, top-speed. handling, shield strength and offensive payload -

all being guarded by a transparent shield. The protective shield wears with every hit received, leaving the riders exposed to attack, the bikes actually kind of remind of the speedy hover bikes from the classic sci-fi movie Tron!

> An imaginative range of weapons are available, these include a Control Swap Missile that reverses the target vehicle's controls and Phosphor Flares that bind all bixes behind the rider.

Along the spiral tracks, your rider wil be able to collect pick ups, ancluding invisibility and turbo particle accelerators.

There are 12 tracks, these meander through environments that incorporate dank, damned conduits and culverts, mutilated musty mine shafts. abandoned water pipes and decrepit and decayed graffitistricken cityscanes These roller coaster courses also contain interactive opstacles such as falling boulders, blazing sand storms. undulating lava, spark showers and bridge-outs.



adrenaline rush. These are self-reliant and will a ter

depending on change of speed and track direction.

Extreme G is also a multi-player game with a maximum of four playing at one particular time, this works extremely well with very little loss of screen resolution or speed and should be a key selling point when the game is released in November. There will also be a standard racing mode and a batt e mode to choose from.

We pretty much covered most aspects in last issue's preview, but look out for an authoritative six page review of this potentially sensational racer next issue.





Acclaim Sports Soccer working title

Probe are still playing their cards very close to their chests about this title. Apparently the emphasis of the game will be very much on realistic player and ball control rather than speed. Unlike ISS 64 all the players

will be fully modelled. The game won't actually see a release until at least Spring 98, so don't go holding your breath!











articipants in Forsaken take on the part of an unrelenting legionnaire, who rides upon pion cycles. You have to explore deserted colonies of Earth and



clash with gene mutes to amass a forture. This 1st-person action shooter is played in a fuil 360 degree environment. Camera mounted missiles, spider mines. Suss-guns and beam lasers are just a few of the twenty five weapons available. There are fifteen single-player levers and eight multi-player levels. There is also interaction with the surroundings. For example, doors have to be exploded in order for a player to pass through them - some melt, others erupt while others grow back after being damaged. Fifteen characters are available.









each with distinct voices and language that mirror their various personalities. All this is rounded off with 3D sound capabilities that enhance samenlay



Steven Lux, Acciaim Interactive marketing vice president, has pronounced, "Forsaken represents a technologica, high watermark for 3D 360 degree shooters". We will have to take his word for this at the moment, since there is still very little to see at the moment. You may be sure that as soon as we receive any more info you will be the first to know.



probe Current

Current Project - Producer of Extreme G. Ashley Bennett - Age 27 Current Project - Lead Programmer of Extreme G.



Pete: Darren, what are your responsibilities and job

Darren: Producer, which I guess means holding everything together and keeping everyone on track and to schedule, while trying to stop people losing their temper at the end of it!

Ashley: My title is 'Programmer' and I programme games.

Pete: How long have you been at Probe, and what did you do before?

Darren: I've been here two years, almost to the day,

and before I was a Producer at Domark.

Pete: What about you Ashley?

Ashley: Before I came here I was a Programmer at

Pete: So what games in the past have you had a hand in developing?

Darren: The last game I worked on was Die Hard Trilogy, previous to that I did F1 on the Mega Drive, another early title I did was Speedball 2.

Ashley: My last game was Loaded on the PlayStation, the game before that was a very cong time ago, Top Gear 3000 for the SNES, which you'll hour see in Europe because it was never released here. Before that old Nige. Mansell\(\frac{1}{2}\) Grand Prix Championship thingy on the SNES and Top Gear 1 and 2 on the SNES and Lotus on the Commogore 64.

Pete: Do you enjoy programming racing games, or is it something that you are just good at, and you get asked to do more and more?

Darren: To be honest it's just something I get asked to do more and more of, and is perceived to be my field of expertise.

Pete: On a scale of 1 to 10, how pleased are you with the finished version of Extreme G, Ashley?

Ashley: Probably 9.

Darren: I think if you'd have asked us two or three months ago it would have been much lower, but we have been amazed at how much it has come together. I think in light of what we have done so far, and what we know we can do, i'd now give it about an eight out of ten.

Pete: I suppose it is hard to judge, when you are programming something on a new platform, just what is good and what isn't, because there are no benchmarks to compare your game against.

Darren: It is particularly difficult because we do not know what other people are up to, different programmers approach things in a different way, so there is bound to be a huge difference in the titles that come out, and it will take a while for everyone to find out what the machine is capable of.

Pete: It must be quiter a buzz to be inxolved in a game that you know is going to be really successful.

Darren: Not really, by the time the game has actually been released, we've moved on to something else which we feel is much better, and you're frustrated because people can't see what you are actually achieving now. Then again, if Extreme G is no. 1 at Christmas then!'ll bequite content.



Pate: I have stuck my neck out and have already said that Extreme G will overtake Mano Kart as the best four-player racing game available, which I have solely based on playing some of the early code at Acciaim a few months ago. What was the most challenging aspect about programming Extreme G?





Ashley: Having no set parameters in regard to programming for the N64. There were no manuals we could refer to, which was pretty daunting, because all we started off with was the basic development kit with very few guidelines as to how to use it, so a lot of the programming techniques we learnt on the fity.

Pete: Was there no way you could have gone to Nintendo and asked for help?

Ashley! Yes, I guess I could have, if I spoke Japanese! But then again everyone was in the same boat and had the same help available.

Pete: So now that you have finished programming your first game for the N64, how much potential do you think the hardware has got?

Ashiev: Oh, it's by far the best console, and what will bring out the best in programmers is the fact that all the N64 games have to be programmed within a limited cartndge size, rather than the limitless space of a CD, which will force programmers to become more creative. But with patience the results you can get are absolutely stunning. When you know what you are doing the results you can get come much easier with the N64 compared to programming for 32-bit CD based machines.

Pete: As far as I\(^1\)m concerned, every reservation that I had about the N64 has been dispelled. Music and sound effects quite obviously can be reproduced to CD quality and as far as FNV is concerned it is completely superfluous to games anyway.

Ashley: Games on carindge always seem better crafted than games on CD because the programmers have really had to utilise every bit of memory available to them.

Darren: If a game has an FMV intro people will watch it once, say 'that was all very nice, now where's the game', and never bother watching the sequence again.

Pets: So who actually came up with the concept of Extreme G?

Ashley: Basically Probe wanted to get a licence for a racing game, but unfortunately the whole licensing deal fell through. They still wanted to proceed with the idea and decided they wanted to do a bike racing game.

Darren: So we all got together and started talking over ideas over a three day period, where we talked about every sepect of the game and the whole core of the game came together over that period. We really did aim very high.

Pete: So what would you have liked to have included in Extreme G that didn't make the final code?

Darren: All the stuff that will be included in Extreme G 2!

Ashley: Now we've completed the first game we know a lot more about what the N64 is capable of, for instance, when we first designed the tracks we were not sure how ambitious we could really be and what could really work and be playable. Now that we have a better understanding of the hardware we can be far more ambitious with the seque.

Pete: W.II Extreme G 2 be exclusive to the N64 or will it be programmed for other formats?

Darren: Blimey Guvnor! It's rather early days to be predicting what colour pants I'll be wearing next Christmas.

Pete: Would it be true to say that programming a game for a completely new format is a real pain in the arse?

Ashley: To be honest, YES! But now we've got one under our belt the next one will be far more enjoyable and not quite so formidable, making life that much easier.

Pete: Moving on to the N64 generally what games are you looking forward to seeing in the next year or so?

Ashley: That is rather difficult to say, I haven't played a computer game for over two years.

Pete: Really!

Darren: The best thing about the N64 for me is the multi-player stuff, like Mario Kart. As far as future games are concerned. I don't know, I don't really know what is coming. Star Fox looks very oromising.

Pete: It must be quite difficult for Programmers now, because in the past they always had a great excuse for not including lots of different aspects in games by saying we are limited because of memory space, but now with huge cart sizes and limitless CD storage space they haven't got that excuse anymore. Ashley: Yeah! But now we just say, "we haven't got the time, to get our shit together and programme this stuff". But seriously you are always restricted by time really, there is only so much we can do within the time we are allowed by the software companies, but it is a bit different on the N64 where sometimes we are only working with 8 meg cartridges.









It must be a bit weird after working with boundless amounts of memory like 650 megs on CD formats, then to suddenly return to cartridges. It must be very strange? What is the first thing to go when you suddenly run up against memory limitations?

Ashley: Well, when you start programming stuff you are very lazy and don't utilise all the memory given to its full extent, so when you do encounter memory limitations you can backtrack and tighten up the code you started with.

Pete: What would you say is your all time favourite game?

Ashley: F Zero and Street Fighter on the SNES. Darren: I would have to say Spycraft probably, I haven't played it for years but it's the game I most fondly

Ashley: Thinking about it, I also really liked Arcadia on the Vic 20, but if I saw it now I'd probably say it was bollocks as it only had four levels - some games are best eft in your memory.

What's the next game you will both be working

Ashley: Oh, that's a real toughy, but I reckon it will be Extreme G Two! which I'll be starting as soon as next

Pete: How about you Darren?

Darren: I'll be finishing off Acclaim Sport's soccer game

So will this be a licensed game, and what has it got to offer that the likes of ISS 64 doesn't?

Darren: Oh God, you always sound as if you are bullshitting when you respond to questions like that! I think it is going to be a slower kind of game and you'll be able to do more intricate things in it. Players footwork will be much more fancy and all the players will be fully modelled, unake ISS. It will come out some time next year.

Pete: Ashley, what would be your dream game to

develop?



Ashley: At the moment it would be Space Invaders for the N64 with two years development time! To be honest there is no grand game design that I have in mind, I'm happy just to let somebody else design a wonderful game which I'll programme and then take all the credit!



A question to both you, who is your favounte industry person and why?

Darren: Ashley cos he fixed the f**king 'A Bug'! What was the 'A Bug'?

Darren: It was a bug in Extreme G that kept causing the game to crash and we just couldn't track down its source.

Ashley stayed here till about half past two this morning and found it, then got it sorted.

Ashley: I don't know, I don't like anybody real v. Darren: What about Kim?

Ashley: Oh yeah, there you go, niv mate Kim at Grem.in.

OK, finally tell me a secret

Darren: Well actually I'm not wearing any underwearl Ashley: That's no secret, everybody here knows that! I

honestly don't know any. What do other people say when you ask them that?

Pete: They generally make up something totally scandalous about their colleagues.

Ashley: We've all been working together, so closely that none of us have any secrets from each other!

Darren: Welf actually, I've got to own up that it was

actually me that fried that development kit! Pete: How much was it worth?

Davren: It was six grand worth of kit and I just pulled on the power lead a bit to hard and POW!

Ashley: Oh really! We then were running around for two days trying to make out why it wasn't working any more!

*ete: And Darren forgot to mention his little error. Darren: I'm beginning to wish that I hadn't mentioned it

now oh shit! Six thousand pounds worth you say? Tell you what Darren fifty quid will buy you this interview tape and we'll forget the whole thing... (Recording abruptly ends!)



MULTI-RACING CHAMPIONSHIP



"Easily the best racing game on N64."

N64 Magazine

"Multi racing brings to N64 the feel of a powerful arcade racing game."

"Very best arcade-style racer," Computer and Video Games

"Most sought after cartridge at the 64 extreme gaming palace."

"MRC is by far the best dedicated racing game available on the N64." 64 Extreme

"....Truck loads of possible track combinations bursting to get out, and secrets to find."

"....The only "proper" Nintendo 64 racer worthy of your attention." Nintendo Magazine



Eight high serform dee fully customisable vehicles

True 64 bit visual detail

de en off road terrain

Alternative rout











THE NINTENDO



Enter the SNES

ntendo's domination of the 8-bit console market was legendary, the NES grabbing an 85 to 90 percent market share in both Europe and America, By the late eight es, though, its console technology looked decidedly dated. Her competitors were no serious threat, and with the NES still raking in a fortune, Nintendo President Hiroshi Yamauchi, President of Nintendo of America, became complacent and underestimated the forthcoming seachange in technology. The next generation of consoles were already in development and the big 'N' was nowhere to be seen.

First off the mark were personal computer giants, but games industry

newcomers NEC. Their PC Engine, a console based on 16bit processor technology, was released in Japan in October 1987, with an American version (TurboGrafix 16) hitting the sheives in 1989

Although considerably more expensive than the NES (at \$200 it cost over twice as much), its 16-bit processor could handle data 250 times faster, allowing programmers to create attractive, realistic games that were simply impossible on the aseling NES. The video gamers were



catching on - bits mean hits, and Nintendo's machine was being overtaken.

Fortunately for Nintendo, NEC failed to learn what Yamauchi understood from the beginning. There's no point releasing consoles with super-powered graphics, spectacular speed and sound to kill for if the games are crap.

Although their nardware was ace. NEC paid too little attention to the software and their efforts falled to impress gamers used to the quality of NES games like Tetris, Mano and Zerda and

the machine failed to catch on, selling only 1 million units in the States and never being released in

Europe.

If NEC was a large, powerful company let down by its lack of gaming experience, Sega was considered too small to be a

threat, despite its moderate successes in producing coin-ops. Its 8-bit offering, the Master System, was a pygmy compared to the glant NES, never enjoying more than five percent of the market. Un like NEC, however, Sega understood what makes a great game. Released in 1989 in Japan and a year later in the States, Sega's Genesis (Mega Drive in Europe) featured a spectacularly-powerful 6800 processor, a 16-bit

powerhouse that put even the TurboGrafix 16's chip to shame. The console could handle high-definit on graphics, fluid animation and near CD-quality sound, Because the technology was based on Sega's 16-bit arcade machines, the Mega Drive also enjoyed a ready made collection of tried-and-tested games - conversion was a simple task, its release at \$199 was heralded with the slogan "Sega Mega Drive does what Nintendon't", and for the first time since the arriva of the NES. Nintendo was under serious fire. Unbellevably, Nintendo made no attempt to match Sega's

new machine with a 16-bit console of their own. "We listen. to our players", said Nintendo of America's Advertising and PR Director Bill White, "and they tell us they're happy with the existing system". As White rightly argued, the NES had yet to be pushed to its limits, though this was rargely .rrelevant the goalposts were moving, and not to Nintendo's advantage.

A though not at first the resounding success for which Sega had hoped, the Mega Drive gradually made in-roads into the games market. As the carts got better and better, more and more gamers switched to the new machine. While the NES was still popular with younger gamers, teenage outtonbashers switched to Sega and scoffed at those still playing Nintendos. The Mega Drive was seen as cool and happening while Nintendo was sneered at as yesterday's



The tide soon turned even further in Sega's favour. Backed by licensing deals with sporting celebrities such as American footballer Joe Montana and golfer Arnold Palmer, Sega released some astounding sports sims. Third party developers such as Tengen and Electronic Arts produced some outstanding games for the Mega Drive, including Budokan, The Immortal and another licensed gridiron game. John Madden's Football. The licensees had a huge back catalogue of computer and arcade games to convert - the Mega Drive's software catalogue was expanding and improving. Nintendo was in trouble. Despite toying

with a 16-bit version of the NES since the late eighties, with the 8-bit machine riding high there was no sense of urgency. "We'll enter the 16-bit market when we're good and ready", they said, but while they waited, more and more video gamers switched to Sega. It was time to act. Yamauchi feared (correctly) that parents would protest if a new-generation Nintendo couldn't play NES games. If Little Johnny's new console made his games collection obsolete he'd scream for more, and this would make parents rejuctant to buy the new machine. Research and development guy Masayuki Uemura worked hard on the problem, but found backward compatibility wasn't possible without adding around \$75 to the cost of the console, so this feature was abandoned. The new machine, dubbed the





Super Famicom in Japan and of course, the SNES over here and in the States, boasted some serious y moressive specs. It enjoyed a colour palette of 32 000 against the Mega Drive's 512. The sound quality was streets aread of anything on previous home computers or consoles and clever programming routines for use by developers were built in. This made it much easier to create games for the new system, taking some of the drudgery out of developing software and leaving more time for refinements. Aesthetics weren't neglected either. The Japanese Super Famicom looked very similar to the original Fam com (the Japanese NES), but Nintendo were to wisely drop the European NES look, which had all the style of a breeze block. A sleek, elegant profile was adopted, oozing power and sophistication. The hardware was excellent - now for the games.

No prizes for guessing who featured in Nintendo's flagship cart for their crazy new console - our friend the plumber shifted shiploads of NES machines and was already one of the most recognisable characters around. Super Mario Brothers 3 was, at the time, the most successful in the history of video games, so what better than a fourth Super Mario Brothers game to sell the Super Famicom? Shigeru Miyamoto's 30-strong team, who had spent the last 15 months experimenting with the new hardware, were now asked to create a blockbuster game that would convince the buying public to buy a Super Famicom instead of a Mega Drive. The race to produce Super Mario World was on. Aithough not a significant departure from earlier Mario games, Super Mar o World again proved Miyamoto was the world's premier

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games designer. Mano himself boasted excitung new skills such as the ability to fly. these were introduced slowly and effectively, enabling players to get used to them before needing them in life-threatening situations. For example, Mario first flew in a world devoid of foes but filled with coins. The player tested and developed his flying skills while grabbing the goodies, free to experiment safe in the knowledge that he couldn't be killed. Later on, flying was used to dodge simple traps and collect occasional powerups. Later still, only Maro's new-found ability to take to the

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skies stood between him and an untimely death. The game was also less linear than previous offerings. allowing the player a degree of freedom in choosing which world to attempt next. The machine was ready, the game was ready, but was the public interested? The Super Famicom (our own SNES was still a way off) was by far the best 16-bit console on the

market, but Nintendo was very late with their nextgeneration console. Had their faithful fans grown tired of
warting and bought Mega Drives instead, leaving Nintendo
unable to get a foothold in the market?
While the Super Famicom was under development Sega had
not stood still. They had produced a pulsating platform
game with the emphasis on speed, style and, most of all, a
cute character with whine veryone could identify. This was,
of course, Sonic the Hedgehog, the first real contender to
Mario's video games crown. Sonic the Hedgehog was a
platformer with a difference. Departing from Mario's
'exploratory' approach, with lots of secret areas to explore
and plenty of time to do so, Sonic emphasised getting from
A to B as quickly as possible. The background music



sense of urgency, and Sonic himself tapped his foot when left standing for too long. His abilities suited his impatient nature. Grab red shoes to run

faster, curl up into a ball and roll down hills, run into a spring bumper to be propeiled forward. 'There's no time to lose' was the message, and the game sold thousands of Genesis and Mega Drive machines.

Nintendo acted quickly, but hardly decisively, Their announcement that the Super Nintendo was imm nent was a blatant spoiler, intended to encourage gamers to 'wait and see' rather than buy a Mega Drive. To a large extent, it worked. When the machine was finally launched in Japan a year later in November 1990, the stores were swamped with advance orders and enquiries. All that remained was to get the machines into the shops, a process less straightforward than it would appear. Rumour had it that an organised crime syndicate were planning to hijack some of the trucks transporting the consoles - security was tight. On 20th November, Nintendo put Operation Midnight Shipping into action. Huge ten-ton trucks loaded up with Super Famicoms and Super Mario World cartridges, and also a racing game called F-Zero, the second Super Famicom release, from warehouses all over Japan, the last of them leaving as dawn was breaking.

night were spoken for - by now advance orders totalled 1.5 million! The Super Famicon was to self 2 million within the first six months and 4 million within the first year. America was a tougher nut to crack. As predicted, parents weren't amused by the lack of backward compatibility and the US SNES was isunched in 1991, a recession year. The machine was hugely hyped (\$25 million spent on TV advertising alone), but Nintendo's claim to have sold out its initial shipment of 2.2 million is hotly disputed by Sega and also by some retailers. At the 1992 Consumer Electronics Show, a showcase for the video games industry. Nintendo claimed to have already overtaken Sega and that they would see 6 million more sares over the coming year. The industry was sceptical, though Sega chose this time to cut the price of their

Japan went mad for the machine, All 300,000 shipped that

Genesis system to \$1.49 and to package it with their blockbuster Some the Hedgehog, maintaining the momentum of their own sales. The battle between Nintendo and Segal continued over the next few years, with both sides packaging

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top titles with the consoles, Nintendo relaxed its licensing rules, dropping the clause which demanded their developers produce games for no one else and instead a lowed licensees to make three games a year, It also encouraged quality by saying highly-rated games didn't count as one of the three. Most developers were pleased that Sega had finally broken Nintendo's stranglehold on the games industry. Nintendo were no longer in a position to dictate terms as they were when the NES enjoyed a near monopoly in the console market. They needed the software houses as much as the software houses needed them. If bad planning hurt the launch of the SNES. foresight kept it afloat when a new front in the video games market

opened - multimedia. Commodore, who's Amiga ruled the home computer games market, released the CDTV in 1991. This CD-ROM-based machine was capable of playing movies, displaying still pictures, offering interactive animations and digit sed speech as well as the usual graphics and sound enjoyed by the console. The machine cost 5.799 in the states, offering the basic CDTV which played mostly educational programs such as Groller's Encyclopedia. Several hundred dollars had to be spent on a keyboard, a mouse and floppy disk drive before it could also be used as a standard Amiga. Phillips soon released the CD1 at a similar pince point. Sales were slow. People just weren't ready for multimedia, and the prices were far too high for an untested market. Even the might y Sega had its fingers burnt in the CD market. Their own product, an add-on for the Mega Drive called the Mega-CD,

made too few advances on the Mega Drive's technology to self - why should consumers pay for an advon which adds so little to its host machine? Games were also slow to emerge; groundbreading releases like Night Trap and Ground Zero Texas, incorporating movle sequences into the games, arrived too late to save it. The machines

bombed, but the future was signposted. CD technology was just around the corner, but N ntendo were wise to avoid it at this stage.



The twin giants of the console world, the SNES and the Mega Drive, continued to dominate into the nineties. Although the SNES failed to achieve the dizzy dominance enjoyed by the NES, it did prove to be the better machine, Super Smash TV was THE definitive arcade conversion, offering a near-perfect version of this arcade hit. When the spectacular PC game Doom took the gaming world by storm, it proved impossible to convert to the Mega Drive but not the SNES, and Starwing, using the new polygon-crunching Super FX chip, again set new standards in video games. Zelda A Link to the Past did for console RPGs what Mario did for platformers, remaining a classic to this day. Even as the 16-bit consoles passed the baton to the 32-bit CD-based hulks and the simply amazing N64. Nintendo resurrected one of her oldest characters for the SNES in Donkey Kong Country, an unbelievable platformer which put many of its 32 bit contemporaries to shame. Although a spectacular success in its own right. Nintendo's failure to invest in new technology and release its 16-bit console much sooner allowed Sega, formerly an industry minnow, to break their near-monopoly on the consoles market. The SNES was by far the better machine, but the Mega Drive had too much of a head start for this to take its toll. Nintendo will never again enjoy the 85 to 90 percent dominance enjoyed by the NES, but the company's loss is the consumer's gain: more competition means less complacency, less stagnation and better games.



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DARK RIFI

ere's the run-down on all character moves for Dark Rift, read 'em and weep fat boy!

UNDER CONTROL

All of the following moves relate to the default controller settings as shown.





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Blidgeon + VA, VA, Kick, Kick, HA, Grab

Knee Breaker + Kick

Lock 'n' Load + VA Slash 'n' Crash + Special

Running Push ... (hold), HA

Running Slide (hold), Kick

Chin Split

Body Slam to Grounded Opponent 1 + VA

Elbow Smash + VA, VA, T + HA, T + HA

Violent Prong...... -- * VA

Assault and Splattery + Kick, Kick, HA, Grab

Rough 'n' Tumble . . . , . + HA, VA

Goin' Up Grab

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Hades Bite + HA

Running Push (hold), HA

Running Slide (hold), Kick

Incubus Ball..... >+ Special

Backhand Garroter . - + HA

Demon Flip. ... (crouch) (hold), Special

Snarl Lewis - , - + HA

Bodyslam to Grounded Opponent

Disemboweler. - + VA. HA. + VA. Grab Mad Slasher. - + VA, HA, VA, + HA, + HA, VA

Mad Carnival + HA. + HA. VA

Demon Kiss Grat



Spiral Slice. + HA

Argon Saber Bolt .. . Special

Running Push (hold), HA

Running Slide (hold), Kick

Stygian Lunge.... - + VA

Bodyslam to Grounded Opponent 4 VA

ygian Ballet . . . + HA, HA

Anatomiser. Grad

Lew Thrust..... + VA





Cain Lunge..... + VA

Striker + Special

Tree Feller - + HA

Running Push - , - (hold), HA

Running Slide.... (hold), Kick

Seismic Ripple ... + Special

Dorion Rollercoaster - VA, Grab

Bodyslam.... S+ VA

Axe Flattener + HA, HA, + VA, VA

Chopping Twist. + HA, HA, VA, Grab

Back Cracker Grab



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Faralon Pounce	+ Kick
Low Butterfly	+ HA
Deadly Butterfly	C, C+ HA
Faralon Tumble	□, □+ VA
Running Push	C, Chold), HA
Running Slide	(hold), Klek
Fatal Pirouette	Li, Li+HA
Faralon Sweep	+ Kick
Back Vault	+ Kiçk
Bodyslam to Grounded	Opponent + VA

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	Faralon Throw	Grab
	Fatal Flutter	+ HA
	Starburst Blast	₹, ≤, □ + Special
	Forward Vault	النَّبُ, النَّهٰ + Kick
-	Lunatic Mule	+ Kick, Kick, 🛶 + Kick
	Lunatic Mule Frolic	+ Kick, + VA, + VA
	Lunatic Mule Stomp	- + Kick, + VA, + Kick
	Frolic	+ VA, + VA, -
	Rauramostomp	+ VA, + Kick

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Butterfly Uppercut . . . + VA



Amputator.... + Kick

Bodyslam to Grounded Opponent + VA

Rip Slide	1.240
Scissor Strike + HA, VA, HA	ж
Zenith Spike , - + VA,	1+ WA
Lethal Slap + HA, VA,	+ HA,

_ghtening Hug	-	+	HA,	VA	, 🗸	HA,	+ VA	, VA,	Gra
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Si	layer Sweep	+ HA	
SI	layer Rip	S+ VA	
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В	oot Greeting	, + Kick	
R	urning Push	(Sold)	НА
. R	unning Slide	(hold)	, Kick
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SI	ayer Eviscerator	+ VA, HA	
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Be	odyslam	J+ VA	
SI	ayer Impaler	+ HA, VA, G	rab

Spinal Crack Grab

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Propulsion Kick + Special

Flery Phoenix Bolt ... F. Special

Impetus Lunge Fr, Fr+ HA

Russing Push (hold), HA

Running Slide (hold), Klck

Mantis Lunge

Bodyslam to Grounded Opponent 4 + VA

Phoenix Kick + HA

Samurai Hammer ... + VA, Kick, Kick, Kick, * + Kick, Kick

Death Kick + Kick, Kick, * + Kick, Kick

Head Over Heels Grab





Elevator Special

Bloody Ankles

Samer Bludgeon , VA

Running Push (hold). HA

Running Slide (hold), Kie

Die Swatter.... + HA

Hyperion Toss Grab

Homiciae Clamp + VA, - . Grab

Double Droble + VA, HA, + HA



demitron

Portal Uppercut..... 5, VA

Cycrone.....+ HA (x4)

Running Push , L. (hold), HA
Running Slide (hold), Kick

Crescent Sault -, -+ Kick

Pandemonium Launch + HA, + HA, Grab

Erebus Snort + VA, + VA, VA

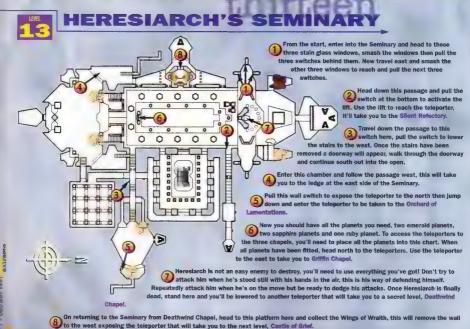


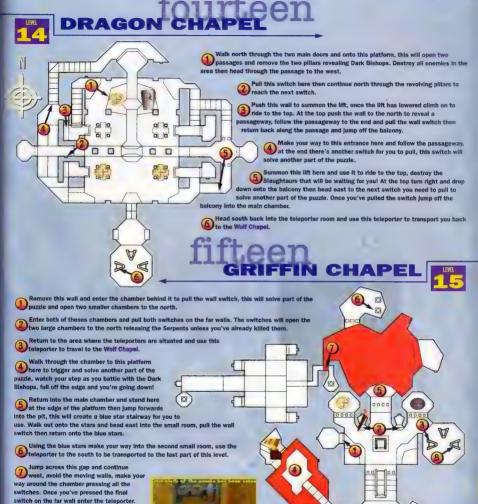
HEXEN

ith this final part of the complete Hexen guide, you'll be able to battle through the last two episodes as well as defeat Korax, the master of all evil.



Note: You must follow the points of text in the correct order and journey to other levels when indicated by highlighted text.





Now make your way back across the blue star stairs back to the teleporter room.

Use this teleporter to return to Hereslarch's-Seminary and face

Heresiarch himself.

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the next chamber, once you've arrived in the chamber locate the wall switch and pull it before using the teleporter to exit.

area and using the teleporter to take you back to Herselerch's Seminary.

to make your exit.

Use this teleporter to repeat the procedure in the second chamber to the south, use the teleporter again

Now enter this doorway and collect all the items and power-ups from inside before returning to the start

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ORCHARD OF LAMENTATIONS



start of this level make your way south to this switch here, pull the switch to lower the floor then quickly run south into the chamber

and to the nearest comer. Using the switches in each room repeat this method to work your way from room to room until you've reached the centre south room.

Use this switch to lower the walls on the centre room then use the second switch to exit this room and make your way into the centre.



Once in the

then use the other switch in this room to make you exit north out of the chamber.

Jump up onto this ledge here and continue north up onto the next two ledges, destroy any Ettins that get in your way.

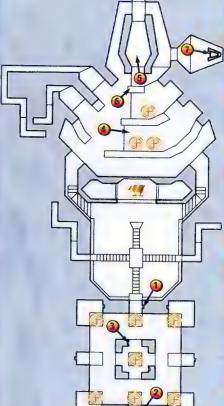
Walk into the water here and collect the Emerald Planet, watch out for the Wendigos that will emerge from the water to attack

Stand on this wall here then using a running jump, jump across to the ledge with a Slaughter on it, you must run fast and aim

carefully. Destroy the Slaughter then follow the path, eventually you'll appear on another ledge where there's a Sapphire Planet waiting to be collected.

Return to this teleporter and enter it to be teleported back to the Bernstandra Seminary,







SILENT REFECTORY



Climb over the boxes to reach and pull this switch then climb back and head south.

Navigate your way through and over the boxes to reach and pull this next switch, this will activate

Jone of the boxes to the north.

3 Use this to lower yourself down into the next chamber, once inside your exit from the chamber and heading north into the next chamber.

Enter through this doorway and follow the passage to the end where you'll find another wall switch, pull the wall switch and

Enter this chamber here and wait for the floor in the centre to rise up and reveal a Sapphire Planet. Destroy all the Dark Bishops before jumping across and claiming the Sapphire Plant.

return back through the passage.

Once you have the Sapphire
Planet make your way to
this revolving door here. Push
the door at either side to slowly
spin it around allowing you to

the door at either side to slowly spin it around allowing you to spin it around allowing you to the return the chamber. Inside collect the Ruby Planet from the ledge to the west then return to the chamber where all the boxes are stored.



Make your way to this switch here and pull, this will lower the stairs to the teleporter. Head east down the stairs to the teleporter then follow the passage south to lead you into the chamber behind the teleporter.

Pull this wall switch to reveal the Emerald Plant, collect the Emerald Plant then make your way to the teleporter. Enter the teleporter to return to Heresland's Seminary.



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From the teleporter room, make your way to this door here and enter. Destroy any enemies inside, pull the wall switch and exit.

Enter this doorway and take care of the Serpents then open the door to the right and pull the switch on the far wall, now follow the path along into the circular chamber at the far end.



Using a run and jump, jump onto these two small platforms, this will trigger the triangular platform and solve another part of the puzzle.

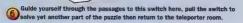


Return to the teleporter room and use this teleporter to travel to Dragon Chapel.

From the teleporter room make your way into the main chamber then through this open door, avoid falling into the pit as you'll not

survive the fall!





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Use this teleporter to the east to return to @riffin Chapel,





FORSAKEN OUTPOST





Alead north through the dark cavern and onto the small path to the right, follow the path along to the balcony where there'll be some Serpents waiting for you. Take care of the Serpents then head through this door.

Continue north across the passage, follow the passage, follow the passage to the west then north to this switch. Pull the switch to open a door to the south then enter through the doorway and collect the Libber Decar from

the centre of the chamber. As soon as you have collected this book, Dark Bishops will be released and start attacking you, be prepared for battle. Continue south then east back into the courtyard.

Back at the courtyard, you'll notice that this doorway has opened to the south. Enter the doorway and collect the Rusted key from the small ledge to the left and continue east into the cavern.

Using these small platforms, jump across to the other side of the cavern to reach and pull the wall switch.

Now return back across the cavern and make your way back into the courtyard.

and pull the wall switch.

Now return back across the cave courtyard.

Use the Rusted key to open

Use the Rusted key to open these doors and enter. In this next chamber there are four switches located in the outer chambers that you must pull in order to remove the pillar at the far end of this chamber. Once the pillar has been removed you'll be able to collect the second book, the Demon Codex. Just beyond where you found the second book you'll find another, the TelePrompTer. You'll only be able to access the TelePrompTer if you pulled the switch back at the Sacred Grove.

u pulled the switch back at the Sacred Grove. Enter the teleporter to be transported to the secret level, **Desolate Garden**.



Travel north through the chambers and back through the cavern to reach and use this teleporter, it'll take you back to the Castle

Simply walk up to this wall here to trigger a switch then return to the teleporter to travel back to Effluvium.



castle of GRIEF

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Jump into the moat to reach and pull both of these switches to lower the stairway into the castle, watch out for the Staikers that are lurking in the water waiting for your arrival.

Jump onto the platform and pull this switch, it'll activate the four lifts leading up onto the battlements. Return north to the castle entrance and climb on the lift to the west.

Work your way along the battlements pulling these wall switches in the towers, when you reach the lifts to the south, Jump across onto the battlement on the east side and continue into the next three towers to pull the other wall switches, there are a total of five.

From the battlements you'll need to jump down to locate and pull these next four switches, now you'll be able to collect the four clock gears you'll need to restart the clock. Collect all Items and power-ups as you travel around the castle grounds, you're going to need them!

Enter this chamber to collect the first clock gear, it's at the bottom of the stairs. Once you have the gear, return up the stairs and run out of the exit to avoid injury from the fireballs that'll be flying out of the floor.

The second clock gear you need is in this chamber but be careful, as soon as you have taken the gear Dark Bishops will appear and attack. Make your exit and head for the last two gears.

The last two clock gears are both in this chamber. Collect the clock gear from the platform on the north wall first then the fourth and final gear from the centre platform. When collecting the final gear, quickly run across the platform and don't stop as missiles, fireballs and bots will be shot at you from the surrounding pillars.

Now you have all the gears it's time to start the clock! Enter this chamber where the clock is situated, lift the flaps and place the four gears in their corresponding holes. Exit this chamber once the clock has been restarted.

Travel south to this chamber and enter the teleporter, it'll take you to the Forsaken Outpost.

on returning to the Castle of Grief, return to this chamber and climb onto the platform on the north wall and walt for the lift to arrive, step onto the lift and rise to the top. At the top there's an eight pointed switch, pull this switch to be transported to the Gibbet.

On return to the Castle of Grief, you'll end up in this area. Enter the teleporter to return to Effluvium.



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Pull this switch to lower the lift down into the chamber, be prepared for the enemies awaiting your arrival. From this chamber head south into the passageway and rotate the book shelf to the east and enter the library, you've come to return a couple of books!

Place the two books you collected from the Forestee Outport Into this bookshelf, if placed correctly the line of books will read KORAX! Once the lights have gone out, head west where you will find a head on the floor, this is Yorick's skull.

Exit the library and enter this next chamber. Smash the stain glass window at the south end of the chamber, kill the Slaughtaur waiting inside then enter and press the switch.

Head north along the path up to this statue, it's Yorick and he wants his head back! Place the head on the statue and remain on the path until the earthquake has passed before walking back along the path to make your exit.

Walk down into this pool of water to reach the eight pointed switch on the pillar, press the switch to be teleported to the Effection.

Head into the south passage once more and rotate the bookshelf to the right to enter the chamber to the west. Inside, pull this switch and remain standing as close to the switch as possible to avoid falling down the hole behind you that has just appeared. Turn around and jump across the gap either to the right or to the left onto the floor.

Using the Durgeon key, unlock this door and enter. Inside, destroy all enemies then head through the doorway to the north. Destroy the Dark Bishops in this small chamber then pull the switch on the wall before making your exit.

Enter this entrance into the chamber where you'll find some stairs next to the barrels, climb down the stairs and enter the chamber to the north to reach the teleporter. Use the teleporter to be transported to the Dungeons.

Head north through this passageway and into the chamber.

Smash the armour that is blocking the entrance to the small cage, enter the cage and collect the Axe key from the centre. Now exit this chamber and head west to the Axe door.

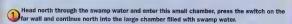
Use the Axe key to open this door and face Hereslarch, once inside you'll not be able to exit unless you have a Chaos device. Destroy the Slaughtaurs that will greet you then walk up to the throne in the centre and jump on to collect the Defender of the Icon, once you have the Defender of the Icon you'll have Afrits and Serpents to deal with.

When all the Afrits and Serpents have been removed these two chambers will open releasing Dark Bishops. Only when you have destroyed the Dark Bishops will the wall to the west lower revealing Hereslarch. Strafe from side to side to avoid his attacks and collect the potions lying around to restore any lost health points. Remember not to attack Horeslarch when his hands are in the air as this is his way of defending himself. Repeatedly attack him giving him your all until he cracks into a thousand pieces and drops to the floor. Once Hereslarch has been killed the teleporter to the west will be exposed allowing you to continue your journey, step inside to be teleported to Riscorpooling.



EFFTWENTY three

Travel through the doorway and kill all the



From the large chamber, follow the passage north to the end then jump up into the chamber to the east. Once inside the chamber, pull the chain on this wall to open the doorway.







Retrace your steps back to the passage where you started then use this teleporter to return to the **Chibbet**.

Head into the stream of swamp water and make your way to this entrance to the next passage and continue north.

Jump up into this chamber and onto the wall of the reservoir that is directly in front of you, now jump across onto the wall of the reservoir that is at the north side of the chamber. Pull the valve handle that is located between the two reservoirs on the north side of the chamber, this will release the swamp water from these two reservoirs.

Drop down into the reservoir to the west and head north into the teleporter, this will take you to the Castle of Crief.

After returning to Entwiwn, pull the iron ring hanging on the wall to reveal your exit. Make your way to this second valve handle and turn it, once the swamp water has drained away drop down into the reservoir to the east.

Push this wall to remove it and expose the small passage to the next chamber. There's a deep hole in the small passage that you'll have to jump if you wish to make it safely to the other side.

Once through the small passage, take care of the Serpent then climb up to this wall. Push the wall to remove it then enter the teleporter to be transported back to the Fernation Outpost.

On returning to this level from the Fornales Outpoot, use this lift and continue south then east to the teleporter that will take you back to Chibet.





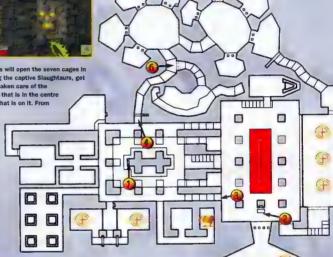
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From the start of this level, head south into the main chamber then follow the passage down the stairs to the west. Go to the far end of this dark chamber where you'll find a switch on one of the pillars, push the switch then return to the main chamber.



Pushing this switch seven times will open the seven cages in the southern chamber releasing the captive Slaughtaurs, get ready for some action. Once you've taken care of the Slaughtaurs, head south to the pillar that is in the centre of all the cages and pull the switch that is on it. From the pillar return to the main chamber and enter one of the passageways that has appeared on the west wall.

Enter this entrance and destroy all the Ettins inside. now make your way into the north-west chamber and pull the chain on the far wall. Enter the doorway you have just opened and follow the passageway along to the end where you'll discover another wall switch, press this switch to remove the wall in the comer of the chamber.



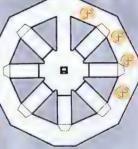


Retrace your steps back through the passage and enter this doorway you've just opened. At the end of the passage, jump into the stream of swamp water and follow it along to the east, you'll experience a long fall and will find yourself back at Effuvium.

Enter this dark passage and follow it along to the cavern at the end, in this cavern there will be some Serpents for you to destroy.

Once the Serpents are out of your way, enter this small cavern here and pull the switch that is tucked away in the corner.



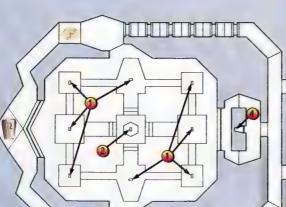


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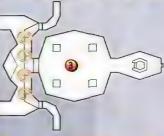


All of these eight switches can only be pulled once they have risen up out of the ground, you'll need to run from one switch to another as they will all rise at random. Once you have pulled all eight switches the centre switch will rise.

Pull this centre switch to activate the lifts to the north and south, use the lifts to enter the chambers to the west to collect the Items, power-ups and weapons.









When you enter this chamber to collect the items and power-ups, swamp water will come out of the drains in the floor and start to fill up the chamber, quickly press the switch on the wall to the

east to re-open the drains and disperse the swamp water. this will also expose the teleporter to the west. On exiting this chamber you will confronted by a Serpent.

Use this teleporter to return to the Fernakan Outpool.





From the start, make your way through the graveyard destroying any Reivers that get in your way then head south to this teleporter. Step inside and it'll take you to



Once back at Necropolls, travel north through the graveyard to this entrance then open the door and enter. Stand on the small platform to the north-east of the chamber and you'll be lowered down to a switch, pull the switch to reveal the next doorway to the north.

Enter this doorway and pull the switch on 3) the east wall to lower the floor you are stood on, once at the bottom continue north into the cavern.

In the there'll be more Serpents that will want your blood, dispose of them then make your way to this switch and pull It. Now continue north into the teleporter, it'll transport you to Traductus'

Pull this switch to lower the lift to the south then quickly make your way to the lift and continue south out to the graveyard.

Head east through the graveyard and through this door into the chamber. Inside walk up the door at the far end and try to open it, the door will open slightly then close again.







One of these eight switches will open the door at the far end of the chamber, pull each switch in turn until the door swings open then enter the teleporter to be teleported to Menelidr's Tomb.

After returning from Moneikle's Tomb, head west to this door here and open it. As you walk up the chamber to reach the teleporter, Slaughtaurs will be released from the side walls, use flechettes to help you deal with them. Use the teleporter to take you to Zedek's Tomb.

Use all the artifacts you collected from the three tombs and place them into this panel, once all of them are in place you'll be able to reach the teleporter which will take you to the Dark Crucible where you'll find Korax.

wenty seven



As you approach these pillars they'll start to move, wait until the ceiling has lowered before walking through the pillars and up to the next door.

Open the door and head to this switch, pull the switch then return south back towards the pillars where you'll notice a section of the wall missing.

Follow the passage along to this switch, pull the switch then prepare vourself for the hoard of Slaughtaurs that are heading your way. Travel around the passage to this switch, once pulled it will reveal a

Porkelator for you to claim. Once you've cleared the area of Slaughtaurs, use this switch to open the entrance that

leads to Zedek, Before travelling north to meet Zedek, look at the three symbols on the west wall, you'll need to know them to get to Zedek. Rotate these three blocks so that the symbols on them match the symbols on the other

three blocks you saw earlier, now walt for the door to the north to open and enter. Once Inside Zedek's tomb he will rise up from the centre of the floor, quickly run around the back and use this opportunity to attack him from behind. Once you've killed him the Glaive seal will appear, collect it then return to this teleporter where you began the level and return to Necropolis.

In the centre of this first chamber there's a pillar which has a symbol embedded on all four sides, find the matching symbol on the wall and press it to open this door to the next chamber.

the two pools of water, each switch has it own symbol. The switch you need to press is this one as it has the symbol that resembles the shape of this chamber, once the door is open continue north into the next chamber.

in this chamber you need to use the same method you did in the first chamber of this level, press the switch on the wall who's symbol is identical to the one on the pillar in the centre. Use the passage to the north-east to enter the next

Destroy all enemies in this chamber before you venture out onto the blue star bridge to reach the pillar in the centre, once again you need to press the symbol that represents the shape of this chamber. It's this switch here.

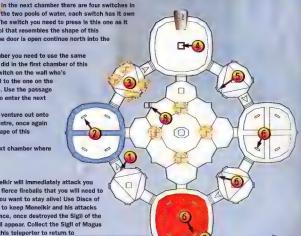
chamber.

Press this wall switch and continue into the next chamber where there'll be a party of Serpents waiting for youl

Press these switches you'll find in the next three chambers.

Use this switch to lower the 7) lift on the other side of the pool of lava, now quickly run across the lava and into the lift. This will take you into the centre chamber to meet Menelkir himself

Menelkir will immediately attack you with flerce fireballs that you will need to dodge if you want to stay alive! Use Discs of Repulsion to keep Menelkir and his attacks at a distance, once destroyed the Sigil of the Magus will appear. Collect the Sigft of Magus then use this teleporter to return to Necropolis.





From the start of this level follow the passage that leads north. it'il take you into a small cavern where there are a few Serpents. Once the Sergents are out of the way, continue north in

> to the tomb. There is a secret wall here that leads to a small chamber, there are potions to be found inside as well as a few Dark Bishops.

These doors will open automatically when approached. Continue north into this area where there are three switches on the north wall. The centre switch will lower the triangular section of the tomb releasing Traductus, the switch to the east will



remove the entrance to the east chamber and the switch to the west will open the chamber to the west, it's advisable that you open one chamber at a time starting with the east chamber and then the west chamber, otherwise you'll be swarmed with enemies. Destroy all enemies in both the east and west chambers and collect as many power-ups as you can, you're going to need them for Traductus.

Once you are ready to take on Traductus, pull the centre switch, Traductus will rise up from this area. Once he has been destroyed, the Holy Relic will appear, collect it before heading south.

Use this teleporter to take you back to Necrop





On reaching this level, turn around and blast this wall with a powerful weapon to push it out of the way then enter the chamber and collect all the items and powerups from inside.

These four crushers contain mana power-ups, if you wish to collect them you'll have to be quick!

Wait until the top part of the crusher is starting to rise up before making your move. Once on the crusher collect the mana power-ups then quickly jump off before you get

squashed. Jump through this window to enter the chambers to the west.

Once inside the chamber you'll be attacked by Serpents as well as being shot at by the wall! Take care of the Serpents then head north to the stain glass window. Also in this chamber you'll notice small square holes in the floor, avoid them as they are deadly traps waiting to spike you!

This stain glass window will not smash but can be rotated allowing you to reach the stairway on the other side. Climb the stairs to the ledge at the top then collect any useful items before Jumping down from the ledge back to the main chamber.

Jump through this window to enter the chamber to the east, this chamber is identical to the west chamber. Kill the Serpents then make your way past the stain glass window to reach the second ledge, collect any Items you might find before returning to the main chamber.

Use your weapon on this wall to lower it down allowing you to climb on, get ready to deal with more Serpents.

Entering this small chamber will light the torch the statue is holding, this will remove the wall to the north exposing the teleporter.

Use tills teleporter to return to Necropolis.



DARK CRUCIBLE ONE

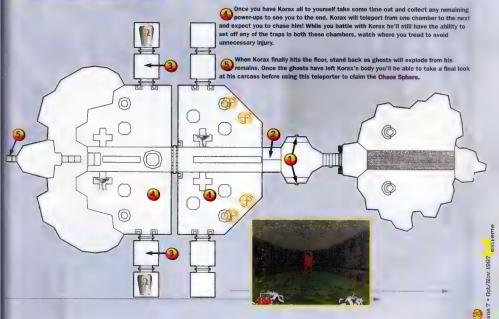
Carefully walk across the bridge and up to the front door, open it and enter into the chamber beyond. In the chamber, pull these two switches and then the one by the door you have just walked through, on pulling the third switch some mana will appear next to the other two switches and a krater of might if you're lucky. You can repeat this method to stock up on mana but be warned, if you repeat this too many times enemies will be teleported into the chamber to entertain you!



On opening this door you'll be faced by Korax himself. He has the ability to shoot many fireballs with his arms at the same time, powerful enough to kill you in a single hit! Korax will disappear when hit a few times and release a small army of Ettins to deal with you. Once you've wiped the floor with all the Ettins an army of Slaughtaurs will be released, use the items scattered about the chamber to help you stay alive for the next round.



Serpents will be released from these two small chambers as soon as you enter this area, climb up onto the platform at the north side of the chamber and use this as an advantage point. After the Serpents you'll have Dark Bishops to deal with as well as Korax sending you the odd frieball or two



THE DEFINITIVE A-Z OF HIDDEN EXTRAS FOR THE N64

till beating your head against a brick wall? Well don't, it's bad for you! Anyway, here's something to soothe the pain, our latest instalment of Hidden Extras.



Blast Corps Instant Explosion

Whilst in one of the vehicles, position sources there to a building so that your microan to into out, instead her liber so there and say, "doh". Continue to an a the Z button down and soon the our ting will explode.



Turbo Start

To get a turbo start from the start line on the time trial levels, you must press the accelerator on the last 'beep', just as the lights turn green, it's important to time it perfectly otherwise it'll not work.



Ghost Car

After compreting one of the time trias, undertake the same race again but with a different vehicle. Now when you start, you'll be racing against a ghost car. The ghost car will be the vehicle that you just used and will do everything you did in the last race

Dark Rift Play as Sonork



Perform this button sequence at the Title screen, the screen with the flashing 'press start' - Left shoulder, Right shoulder, Top C, Bottom C, Left C, Right C. Sonork will now be available at the Character Selection screen



Play as Demitron and Sonork

Perform this button sequence at the Title screen, the screen with the flashing 'press start' - A, B. Right shoulder, Left shoulder, Bottom C, Top C. Both Demitron and Sonork will now be available at the Character Selection screen.

Access each

Character's Ending
All codes must be entered on
the Title screen, the screen
with the flashing 'press start'.
Aaron Up, Left C, Right
shoulder, Right, Down, Right
shoulder, Right, bown, Right
shoulder, Right, Down, Right
shoulder, Right, Down, Right
shoulder, Right, bown, Right

Demitron - Up. Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Left shoulder, Left shoulder, Bottom C.

Eve Up, Left C. Right shoulder, Right, Down, Right shoulder, Right shoulder, Right C.

Gore Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Right shoulder, Right shoulder, Bottom C

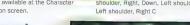
Morphix - Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Right shoulder, Right shoulder, B Name - Up, Left C, Right shoulder.

Nilled Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Right shoulder, Right shoulder, A

Scarlet - Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Left shoulder, Left shoulder, Left C

Sonork - Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Left shoulder, Left shoulder. Top C

Zennuron - Up, Left C, Right shoulder, Right, Down, Left shoulder, Left shoulder, Right C







Doom 64 Super Password W93M 7H20 BCY0 PSVB

As well as gwing you 100 health and armour points, all weapons, full armour and the Backpack, this code will also give you all three pieces of the pentagram which will power-up the laser rifle to maximum a lowing you to kill the final boss in seconds flat.

Special Features PTJL BDFW BFGV JVVB

Once this code has taken you to the first level, press Start to pause the game. You'll now see a Features option on the menu, this option allows you to warp to any level, gives you full health and ammo, all weapons, full map and activates god mode.





Programmers Taunts

After dying anywhere within the game, wait for about thirty seconds and you'll see childish taunts from the programmers appear on the screen

Hexen Enter Cheat Menu



Start a game. While playing pause the game to view the Pause menuipress Top C, Bottom C, Left C, Right C. You will see the word 'Cneat' appear at the bottom of the menu. Accessing this will enter you into a Cheat menu.



Activating first page options of Cheat menu (these must be input quickly): **God Mode (invincibility)** Left C, Right C, Bottom C.

Right C, Bottom C.

Clipping (you can walk through walls) - Top C (20 times), Bottom C.

Visit (level select) - Left C, Left C, Right C, Right C, Bottom C, Top C.

Butcher (kills all enemies currently on-screen) - Bottom C.

Top C, Left C, Left C.

Health (gives you full health)

Left C, Top C, Bottom C, Bottom C.

Activating second page options of the Cheat menu (these must be

input quickly):



All Keys Bottom C, Top C, Left C Right C.

All Artifacts - Top C, Right C, Bottom C, Top C.

All Weapons - Right C, Top C. Bottom C, Bottom C.

Puzzle Items - Top C, Left C (three times), Right C, Bottom C (two times).

Multi Racing Championship Short-Cuts



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Downtown (Hard)

the waterfall.

The first short-cut on the Downtown circuit is about 3/4 of the way round. After passing the windmills there's a small uphill zigzag section followed by a left-hand bend in front of a large waterfall. As you approach this bend, head towards the tree on the right. The short-cut is just below the pranches and will take you through

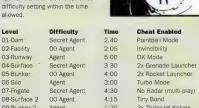


The second short cut is in the tunnel after the waterfal, "";" through the tunnel there's a "" and white chevron and a r. "." sign, the short cut is just "" these on the right.

GoldenEye 007

Cheat Option

These following cheats can only be activated by completing the appropriate level on the specified difficulty setting within the time allowed.



09 Bunker 2 Agent 1:30 2x Throw ng Knives 10-Statue Secret Agent 3.15 Fast An mation 11 Arch ves 00 Agent Invincibility 12-Streets 1:45 Enemy Rockets Agent 13-Depot Secret Agent 1:30 Slow Animation 14-Train 00 Agent 5:25 Silver PP7 15-Jungle Agent 3:45 2x Hunting Knives 16-Control Secret Agent 10:00 Infinite Ammo 2x RC-P90s 17 Caverns 00 Agent 9.30 18-Cradle Agent 2:15 Gold PP7

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Secret Agent

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20 Egyptian 0 Extra Cheat

19-Aztec

Additional weapon cheats can be activated by completing the following

leve s.	
Level	Weapon
18 Cradle	Magnum
19-Aztec	Laser
20-Egyptian	Golden Gu



2x Lasers

All Guns

NBA Hang Time Hidden Players

To access the team of programmers from a certain Midway fighting game, enter your name as Mortal or Kombat and your PIN as 0004.

Here are some other hidden players that can be accessed by entering the corresponding name and PIN code: Dan Amrich Amrich 2020 Dan Roan Danr - 0000 Sa D vita Divita - 0201 Larry Munday Munday 5432 John Root Root 6000 Sheridan Oursler Sno - 0103 Mark Turmell Turmel - 0322



Access Number Codes

Enter these following codes on the Tonight's Matchup screen. Use the A button to change the first number, the bottom C button to change the second number and the right C button to change the third number.

CAU	Dady wood
273	Stea th Turbo
390	No Pishing
048	No VI s c
461	Un in fed Turbo
937	Legal Goal Tendi
709	Quick Hands
802	Max Power
284	Max Sneed

Bahy Mode

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Hyper Speed

Sequence Codes

Up. Turbo + Pass

Enter these following codes on the Tonight's Matchup screen, The code box will flash if done correctly.

Up, Up, Pass, Turbo
Rotate D-pad clockwise
starting with Up. Shot Percentage
Left, Left, Pass, Turbo No Tag Arrow
Hold Right and press
No CPU Assistance
Hold Right then press Shoot, Turbo.
Pass
Red, Witto & Blace Ball
Hold Left then press

Turbo three times Rodman Quick Change

You can change Dennis Rodman's hair colour by pressing the Pass button when you select your team (and you have chosen Dennis Rodman).



Tetrisphere

This cheat will allow you to play an extre game that's similar to Rescue mode. To activate this code, select Single from the Main Menu then choose New Name. Now enter your name as 'LINES'. The option for this new game will appear below the Vs. CPU obtion.



Level Select

This cheat will allow you to select any level in Rescue, Hide and Seek and Puzzle mode To activate this cheat, select Single from the Main Menu then choose New Name, Next, press the Left shoulder button, the bottom C button and the right C button single will button similarieously; this will



change the digits into symbols. Now enter your name (using the symbols) as: Planet, Flying Saucer, Rocket, Heart and Skull. You'll now be able to select any level before starting a game.

Extra Music



Select Single from the Main Menu and choose New Name then press the Left shoulder button, the bottom C button and the right C button simultaneously. Now enter your name as: 'G A(lien Head) MEBOY'. Replace the A with the symbol of the aliens head. You'll now be able to select additional music selections within the Audio option.

End Credits

This cheat will allow you to see the end credits of the game. Select Single from the main menu and choose New Name, now enter your name as 'CREDITS'.

War Gods



Random Select

On the Character Select screen, press Up and Start. The CPU will now select your character at random

Play as Grox

On the Character Select screen, press: Down, Right, Left, Left, Up,



Down, Right, Up, Left and Left. You'll hear "all too easy" if done correctly.

Play as Exor

On the Character Select screen, press: Left, Down, Down, Right, Left, Up, Left, Up, Right and Down, You'l, hear "all too easy" if done correctly.



Freeplay

On the Title screen, press: left C, left C, Right, A, B, top C and right C. You'll now be able to Freeplay from the Options menu.



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Cheat Menu

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Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey Lose The Game

During a game, press Start to pause then go to the Options. Whilst on the Options, press and hold Left then press the left C button 9 times, if done correctly the special digits should read: 000001000000000. Now return to the game and continue. When the game ends the final score will be 1-0 to your opponents regardless of your previous score.

Fighting

Duning a garme, press Start to pause the game then go to the Options menu and highlight "Fighting". Now hold Left shoulder button and press the right C, left C, left C, nght C, bottom C, up C, up C, up C, bottom C, left C. right C, right

Choose Your Opponents

Press Start and choose Play Game or Practice. Highlight the team you wish to play against then press the right C button three times, you should hear a click if done correctly. Now start the game and you will be playing against the team you high gifted.

Super Teams

Before starting a game, select Setup from the Main menu then select Options. On the Options screen, hold the Left shoulder button down then using the C buttons press: Right, Left, Left, Right, Left, Left, Right, Left and Left. The special 16-digit code will appear at the bottom of the screen and the four

super teams
(Williams, the 99ers, Canada and
USA) will now be available from the
Team Select screen.

Advertising

On any of the menu / option screens, press the Z button to scroll through the ads that are displayed in the game. Completely useless and totally boring.

Invisible Players

During the face off, pause the game and select Replay their use the Left shoulder button to select one of your team members or press the Right shoulder button to select one of your opponent's team members. When the payer you nave selected is flashing, press the Z button to make them my side.



Instant Gretzky - NY Rangers Match

Highlight Piay Game on the Main menu then press and hold any of the C buttons. Now press the Start button and you'll be taken straight to the face-off playing as Wayne Gretzky with the New York Rangers

Special Codes

From the main menu, select Setup then select Options. Now press and hold the top C button and press the Right shoulder button, this will display the 16-dight code. Press and hold the bottom C outton then press the Right shoulder button to change the first two digits, press and hold the left two digits, press and hold the left C button then press the Right

shoulder button to. change the second two digits and press and nold the top C button then press the Right shoulder button to change the fifth and sixth digits. Altering the first two digits will change the player's head size, the second two digits will change the player's body size and the last two digits will change the player's height.





Yet again we're back with more goodles to give away for the best cheat, code or secret sent in.



If you have any Nintendo 64 cheats, codes, passwords or anything else that's out of the ordinary that you'd like us to include in our up and coming list of A to Z Hidden Extras, then send 'em in to us here at 64 extreme (pleuse state version), YOU TOO COULD BE A WINNER!

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ave you got something profound that you would like to share with the rest of the gaming world? Well send in your comments to the above address and you stand a chance of 'Being Frank' and winning some unbelievably horny

dear exchange..

SOMETHING THAT SURPRISED ME

I am a loyal fan of your mag. What i em writing to say is that my friend has just sent me a postcard from Italy and on it he wrote something that surprised me. Remember in issue five you said that there was no such game as Tekken 3 and the rumours about it were all made up.



Well my friend said that he went to an Italian arcade and Tekken 3 was there. I don't care if you got it wrong, you're still the best mag there is, was and ever will be.

Oh yesh, have you got any more news on DK Country 842 Just one

more thing, I've heard that Star Fox 64 isn't coming to Europe, well it will, but it will be called Lylat Wars! Tell me this isn't for real. Tom Hannam Wincanton

It seems that you have got the wrong end of the stick as far as our "Tekton 3 no show" story is concerned. The point of the story was that Tekton 3 is not in development for the N64 and never will be. Tekton 3 is a highly successful areade cole-op that will apparently be converted for the PlayStation. No news on DK Country 64 as yet and yes, Lylat Wars is for reed.

SMELLY ARSED PLAYSTATION

Could you kindly put my mind at rest that my investment in my N64 was a wise one. My smelly arsed PlayStation owning friend keeps on boasting about the fact that he will be able to play games like Tomb Raider 2 and F1.97 on his PSX while us N64 owners won't be able to. Are we going to miss out on all this

wonderful software while Nintendo drip feed us a paltry few games each month?

Tino Singodia Swindon

Right firstly, although the N64 will not be getting versions of the games you mention, it will have (and already has) some stunning exclusive software of its own. When your PlayStation owning friend gets a load of the likes of Goldeneye 007 and Extreme Q. I guarantee he will go rather pale and quiet. While we are on the subject let's get one thing straight, we don't want any Sony or Sega bashing in Extreme Exchange. Let's face it, each console has its own killer games and benefits. Rather than eat your heart out, fretting about the games you can't play, why don't you simply buy a PSX or Saturn, whilst still keeping your gorgeous N64. It len't against the law to own two consoles you know, there is no such thing as conso bigamyi The price of hardware is low enough now to enable most

people to buy two mechines. A lot of gamers have an almost soccer fan like attitude to consoles, whereby it is only acceptable to support one format. Title is plain dark, a good game is a good game, regardlese of the format it is played upon. Don't get me wrong, I still think that the NAS is the undeputed iding of the consoles, it's just that as much as I love steek, I still enjoy the occasional burger.

THE STUPIDEST NAME AROUND

That thing you wrote about Lara Croft from Tomb Raider in 64 Extreme #5, why didn't you publish the cheat to



play the game with her completely NUDE. You do know the cheat don't

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Safrance Senange

The winner of this month's "To Be Frank' is David Waller of Hessle (that's my kind of town, Hessle is!). He wins a Datel Mega Memory card, "Fshirt and Game Killer Cartridge. If you want to 'Be Frank' you have to do it my way, and send in an interesting/controversial/witty letter to the usual address. Do it now, lets not be

strangers in the night or else I'll send some of my large Italian friends round from New York (New York)

1. We'd love to review PAL games and put less accent on our import reviews David, but so far we have only had ten Pal N64 games to review over six issues and we consider 64 extreme's primary function as a review magazine, so what else are we to do? Besides which we always do a retro review of every PAL game that comes out, if we have originally reviewed it as an import game, in which we point out the changes made as well as thoroughly covering its good and bad points. We also endeavour to raise different points in our retro reviews and take a different slant from the original review. We never rehash our original review like some of our competitors do. I would also contest that 9% of our readers are N64 PAL owners, it hink that

figure would be more like 75%.

2. The fact that cartridges are the most expensive format for retailers to buy and the lowest profit yielding, deters retailers from discounting N84 games. There len't enough competition in the N84 accessory market for the manufacturers to bother starting a price war at present, but as more companies enter the accessories area. I expect that to change.

with a concrete overcoat for you to try on. Dooby dooby doo, da da da da da...

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3. There will always be people who just aren't willing to wait six months or more to play the hottest N64 games, besides which anyone who used to own a SNES will have played the 'new import game needs a new convertor' game. By not providing simultaneous software releases, Nintendo create a demand for convertors, simple as that. If you don't like 'em don't buy 'em.

4. I fove a story with a happy ending.

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FRANCE BY SELESISE

work, it was an April Fool wind up devised by those tilerious chander C&VG. I'm affraid I have to agree with you about Star Fox UK monitor. Some a See y are entitled to play it in which with an without colowers, don't you think it is even more satisfying it haged the Green

ask the Experts

MORIAL KOMBAT

TRIBLES

TAST

I'm writing to complain about my Mario Kart 64

Andrew Emery
Somerset

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The Games can't be with us this month as they're up to their eyeballs preparing for the ECTS trade show (we're going too, so expect a full report next issue). This month's stand-in experts are our own Fete Coulson and Ian Osborne. Take it away lads...

extra speed makes the game almost impossible to play properly.

Also, my Mortal Kombat 64 cart freezes up. THE told me I can send it back to be repaired, but it's the summer holidays and my friends come round to

play it every day. I want to know if anybody else in the UK is experiencing the same problems. Andrew Emery Somerset



Game Pak. On three- and four player mode, the tracks speed up. In three-player mode, Donkey Kong's Jungle Parkway, Bowser's Castle and Moo Moo Farm all speed up, and in four-player mode all the tracks speed up, except those above. I have phoned THE Games limited warranty line and was twice told that there was a fault in the cartridge.

According to THE Games, there are some random problems on some PAL Mario Karts. Send it back for a free replacement. The school holidays are over now, so you can send back your MK64 cart too. If you've any more problems, ring customer services on 0.1703 623200.

MORE QUESTIONS

 I like Doom-style games and am glad Duke Nukem is coming to the N64. Could you tell me if any of the Alien games such as Alien Trilogy are in production?

2) After the price drop of the N64 do you nonestly believe new games will drop in price within the coming months?

Any chance of a boxing game coming out for the N64 in the near or distant future?

4) In your opinion, what is the best two-player racing game for the N64, not including Mario Kart 64? Stuart Cheal Havant.

1) Alas, no.

2) Unlikely. Maybe in a year or so older carts could be repackaged as budget releases, but there will be no drop in the price of the latest games. There have been price wars between consoles before, none of which were followed by software price reductions.

3) None that we're aware of, but it's bound to happen sooner or later.

4) At the present Multi-Racing Championship, but Extreme-G looks set to steal the crown from both it and Mario Kart 64. Watch this space for further information on Diddy Kong's Racing too.

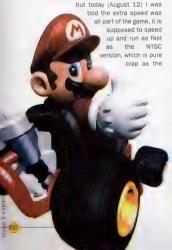
LEAD THE WAY

Can you tell me whether Nintendo have any plans to release a gadget to enable me to plug my N64 into an SVGA computer screen, so I can sit dead close without frying my brain and straining my eyes? This would re-ease my TV for more mundane matters. Failing this, what set up would you recommend?

Willesden Green

There's nothing official in the pipeline. Whether it is possible, depends on which connections you have, for example, if your monitor accepts SVHS, Spook produce the required lead. Write to their UK distributor Proudhound Ltd at 8/11 St John's Lane, London EC1P 1EU. Failing this, ring Nintendo's customer services and tell them which connections you have (0.21703 623200).





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Blast Corps



Playing B act Corps is like a breath of fresh air. It's origina, it looks great, it plays great and it even sounds great itself amost). The explosions are the best in viacogame history. Bleast Corps comes in a very close second to Super Mano 64 and furok. Dinosaur Halter and we can recommend that you out it close to the top of your its of winats.

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hinking of buying a game? Still not decided which one to buy? Well before you put on your purchasing pants have a look at 64 extreme's ata-glance buyer's guide to what's hot and what's not, what's hip and what's sh... well you get the idea!

Cruis'n USA



This was the first N64 turkey we played and hopefully the last, it may be an accurate conversion of the council out that's as far as it goes. If hintendo have let a log fish through their quality control nets, this is it. Sorry, did I say fish? I meant whas. Steen well clear, your money will be better spent in the charty poor for the Salvation Army.

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Doraeman



Based on a Japanese chiking is cartoon. Dereaman is a simplistic version of Super Mano 64 that lacks in graphical detail, speed, camera angles and a sense of freedom. The soundtrack would emberrass a SNES game. Essentially made for the Japanese market, it's a yawnsome game you'd never want to play, even if you could understand the find. Definitely one to avoid!

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Dark Rift



Dark Rift is a faritastic looking game which features some truly original characters, unfortunately it's let down by simplishe gameplay and sloppy controls. Dark Rift still has enough going for it to be the best fighting game on the NS4 and could have been a true classic if only Kronos had spent half as much time on the gameplay as they have on the visuals.

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FIFA 64



PHA O4 Auffles from the same afflictions as the rest of the series, namely a folidy control method and a feeling that you're not entirely in control of the action. It is also guilty of being far too similar to the recent 32-bit versions. It's not up to NG4 standards but is playable enough once you get to gnos with its awkward controls.

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Doom 64



Seen there, seen it, done it twice! You may this right it is just another console conversion with few ren. Is less, you'd be wrong. Although it keeps many oil is original characteristics. Doom 64 incorporates a new, smooth 30 engine accompanied by fully retrains golflee, Bone-chilling effects throughout the game. One of the greatest games of all time gets the cest conversion ever!

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The Glory of St Andrews



It may be the first gof smulator developed to the population material for a 16-bit conversion. A first landscape graphscare of the national graphscare of the national proprior and the control material wave of the material proprior was everything else is substantial.

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Goldeneye 007



A magnificant example of what the NS4's spaper of flare have created the ultimate Bond licensed spare, Rodensy e is a stally immersive one player game first inclusive, is just as much fur to play in its many four player modes. Goldeneye takes the first berson shooter rural westeen the realms and plays like an absolute dream, Buy, at

Shoot 'em up Issue 6 Nintendo

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King of Pro Baseball



Graphically the game is oute, lungist and other ful. The controls are relatively offlout to master but fortunately there is a seractice option that if allow you to brough up your pothong, betting and feeling skills. There is a regis valenty of pothors to choose from, including multi-object, but unless you can read, laganeses they're criefly useless. If you're is young Japanese beging the full lives by the pasts, you'll live it.



Baseball sim Issue 3 Imagineer



Hexen



Although Heem is at heart merely a conversion of a two year old PC game, it is stall a damn fine piece of software with codies of gameplay wasting to be discovered. What sets the N64 version above the others is its split screen four player mode which plays surprisingly well. If you have played Hexen on any other format, then don't bother with this version, but otherwise give it a try.





Mahjong Master



This is another gained with as been been able to the laganese market which is probably, just as well because unless you're Japanese you'll not know how to pay the game let abone describer the text. The grazines and sound are adequate considering the I mitted gameptey but to be horisest this will only appeal to a very small minority, unlikely to be released in the UK.



Card game Issue 3 Konami



Human Grand Prix



With chunky arease graphics, Human Grand Prix, ooks like an impressive rising game, unfortunately though it doesn t use the full potential of the N64's hardware capebilities and could have been just another 32bit conversion. Admittedly, it has its moments but there are too many flaws and the populp schemy, views a but to be desired. Even die and Et fans will tipe of this quickly.



Issue 4 Konami





This is unconstituously the anteassach for the Emirando GA. With eight different characters to choose from these saces of engines, sixteen different courses puts a sporting mirror model, numbrous power-ups and a fixer, per young times game has an effinite integran. And mining reagables and sound, there are really no complaints against tripigate. This is definitely one for your collection.



Racing Issue 5 Nintendo



International Superstar Soccer 64



International Superstar Socce 64 is a thinking or the seague as far as N64 footbal games go, the orbitrols are seague as far as N64 footbal games go, the orbitrols are used friendly and allow some superhinous, and soulds, the gameplay is fast and excluding and the animation is smoother than Barbe's bits! The attention to obscur is second to none although the commentary does get respective and annoying after a short while.



Mortal Kombat Trilogy



MK Tringly is just another attempt by Mowey to capitalise on a well established beneak, knowing fall well that some individualis with buy anything that says Mortal Kombat on it, whether or not it is good or bad, and in this case it's very bad. It's a basic best 'emily that falls very short of N64 expectations. Palt graphics and sound. Money for old rope!



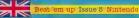
eat-'em-up Issue 5 Midway



Killer Instinct Gold



greet backgrounds and death to this 2D game. Grap and aer sound effects, and sufficient backing tracks. Good n, especially in two player, but can be frustrating when aying the combo addicted CPU. Pol optimised, so runs st and smoothly. Not the best fighter of as time, but efficitly the best released so lar on the A64. Ki fer street fans will know at!



82%

Multi Racing Championship



With its Multipe on off road ourses and Rumble Pail concretability. MRC is a fine rading game that as againess will devise a lot of peasants from it fells such and of generass because it is fair too easy to compete, but it is still by fair the best more for the NG4 (not courting Natio Kar GA as a decidated mong game that is and a worthy nuchrales for anybody with a passing interest in the rading game genera.



Racing Issue 6 Ocean

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NBA Hangtime



Graphically, NBA Hangtime is nothing to shoul about but the controls are straight forward and keep you in the action at all times. If Offers a very comprehensive create a dispersion as well as a four player mode that all add to the fun. If you want the equivalent of the NBA Hangtime arcade machine in your home, buy rit.



Basketball sım I**ssue 2 Mıdwa**v



Pilotwings 64



A though Pilotwings 64 is not an original idea, there's something about the game that takes you into an element of its own. The graphs of this free flying extravaganta are beautifully rendered and smooth, the controls are user friendly and the gameplay is highly addictive. This is one of the few games that takes advantage of the N64's power and it shows. Highly recommendable.



Flight sim Issue 1 Nintendo



Shadows of the Empire



The game starts off great but after a while can get a bit repetitive and tresome, especially on the first person perspecture levels. The outdoor scenary is well drawn and pleasing to the eye and the sound well orchestrated but the gameable, is pretty much predetermined and doesn't allow any room for freedom. It's got that Star Wars feel about 1 but you'd expect something incre.



hoot-'em-up Issue 1 Nintendo



Star Fox 64



Star for 64 is a very impressive space shoot entire and left first flag game to attles hittendo's flumbe field. The game, to state should shall be finded on the finder various battle zones at of which a self-of-eight via well you derformed on the previous sites. The gamepayers state park images, and adottive the gaptions are flawless with magnificate dispation of the same state of the same state of the same start and the same start and the same start and the same start and the same starts and the same same state.



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Super Mario 64



If you'd heard that Suce Mail 24 all the base A ever, it's probably the truth. It's a truly sub-violation (all adventure game trust incorporates to the rails a social graphics to create three dimensional environments degree movement that allows more change of the truth the ever seen before and a variety of these prospections is greatly increase the scope for puzze solving.



Platform Issue 1 Nintendo



Turok Dinosaur Hunter



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oot 'em up Issue 1 Acclaim



War Gods



The fighters themselves look very note but the an institled and the frame rate is slow. The 3D bed groun, well-detailed. Even sound effects and music. Fast an frantic action, but bugh CPU AI map put some people. If There is not enough depth to keep most gamers intervelfor a very long time. Was gods is doomed to be fun for fiveminutes their foreiting foreign.



Beat-'em-up Issue 5 GT Interact.ve

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WaveRace 64



This is another one of Nintendo's stunning trips, just takes full advantage of the NA4's capabilities. The indies arough sitis are made up of beautifully coloured aris so id polygen. The waves look and feel reautiful, the control are siting and well suited to the analogue stock and the 1 Wagley and well suited to the analogue stock and the 1 Wagley mode truly engodale. Navelace 64 is a most literature assumed experience providing et powered fair.



Racing Issue 4 Nintendo

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Wayne Gretzky's 3D Hockey



This is a superbis ports similar is fast, fun, easy to puly and really empyoble, especially in four placer mode. The annuation is smooth and makes good use of the came a angles even went things not up. The controls are in basic but allow you to put off a few farry movie your opponents to sharrie. A very poished place: software.

ice Lockey sim Issue 2 Midway

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Wonder Project J2



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Mothers

Publisher - Nintendo Developer - Nintendo Released - March 1998

o you want a realistic role playing game? You want something that's going to set new standards for the N64? No problem, you want Nintendo's first RPG to be released on the rather sexy 64DD add on: Mother 3.

hen developers Square and Enix were rather sourly lost to Sony, N64 RPG fans all over the world were left sobbling. Well if you were one of them you can stop your whimpering right now because Nintendo are showing what RPG's are really all about with one of the most exciting games

we have previewed to date.

Nintendo promise that Mother 3 will provide a completely unique playing experience for everyone that buys the game. "How are they going to do that?", I hear you ask. Read on very carefully...

By utilising the enhanced memory capabilities of the 64DD device.

theoretically speaking almost anything is possible.

For example, if a player was to drop some

food whilst on a long journey, a hungry monster could be attracted causing problems for the player. A more interesting example is if you were to plant some seeds at the bottom of a cliff, a tree could grow which the player could climb to get up the cliff. Another player would just perhaps find another way around the cliff and run into completely different obstacles along the way. You could literally go on forever creating different possibilities for the game and that's what the Art D.rector, one Benimaru Itoh wanted to achieve. "In the case of Final Fantasy VII there are a million people playing exactly the same game. If we sell a million copies of Mother 3, Mr. Iwata wants there to be a million different games out there", says Mr. Itoh. "I'm not sure I will be able to make everyone's game that different, but Mother 3 will surely be a step in the right direction".

Mother 3 will surely be an epic RPG and according to Nintendo, epic is a word that shouldn't be taken lightly. Mr. Itoh estimates that the game should have at least 40-60 hours of playing to get straight through. As

Mother 3 has multiple routes to take that should extend the replayability of the game tremendously. "Most RPG's have a straight path that takes a short time to get through. In this game we will make

time to get through. In this game we will make players spend time off the main street. This will make it feel more like the real world".

Mother 3's story will take place over a ten year period with twelve different chapters within this time









span. This may sound pretty straight forward but it's possible that, for example, chapter 5 will happen

before chapter 3 and you will control a different main character according to the chapter you are in. It was considered that Mother 3 should be multiplayer due to the amount of different playable characters in the game but due to the complex AI (art fic al intelligence) that idea has now been scrapped. What you essentially have is a single player game, but you can control teams of up to four characters.

When asked how the battle system will work in Mother 3. Mr. Itoh was re atively vague. 'As found in any RPG, when you encounter enemies, the screen will change to the battle mode. However, you will be able to see the monsters on the map wew.' When asked what he thought of other RPG's that have repetitive battles he simply replied,

"There will be fewer battles but they will be of a higher quality. We have some great ideas but unfortunately, I am always scoided by the team for saying too much about this subject!".

Despite the fact that the 64DD didn't make it to E3, it was

make it to E3, it was definitely at the back of everyone's mind. In fact

many of the questions at Nintendo's Questions and Answers session were

focused on the accessory. Though many details

of the add-on were still being

kept under wraps, It

was confirmed that Mother 3 will definitely be available on the launch date along with handful of other currently unnamed titles. This is really exciting news and we (in the office of no work and all play!) are all looking forward to getting hands on this potentially Earth moving Mother of a title.

Mission

cean's new title, Mission Impossible, can only be described as a spy simulation game licensed from the hit movie and the T.V. series. Is the spy life all it's cracked up to be? "Carefull That's no ordinary stick of gum!"

he game sees you in the boots of Ethan, one of the Impossible Mission Force agents. You have to play your way through six or more missions that each have different objectives. The plot takes you on a secret mission that goes horribly wrong. You are left alone to fend for yourself while the rest of the Impossible Mission Force are sent to kill you because they think you're someone else. Poor Ethan, that's an Impossible Mission if ever I saw one.



Ocean are tacking the game by mixing very tactically aware gameplay with some of the most complex artificial intelligence ever used for the home market. A good example of this is the Embassy Mission. You have to get your hands on an invitation to another room and you know there's a man not far from you with one but won't give it to you. What do you do? You have to be clever and sly as you can't just kick the crap out of him because the guards will come down on you like a tonne of bricks.

Maybe you ought to want for him to make a move somewhere quieter so you can knock him out undisturbed and then take the invite, like the bathroom perhaps? This is what pulls Mission: impossible away from the Doom style that it graphically represents into what could turn into a whole new genre of games playing.





Publisher - Ocean Developer - Ocean Released - 1st quarter 98





Mission: Impossible uses a brand new artificial intelligence specially developed by infrogrames which allows the game to have such complex touches. This allows your actions within the game to be countered with a reaction from the computer controlled characters as if they were thinking for themselves. If you play the game in a similar vane to the ikes of Doom and run around shooting



at will you will attract attention to yourself. Soon you will find yourself outnumbered by guards and have alarm bells ringing all over the shop. If you act in a more subtle manner and use your wits more than your firepower you will progress through the missions more smoothly. As you do get deeper into the game you will be able to go into hand-to hand combat with your adversaries. This will be quite smplistic, presumably to keep the game flowing, You will have kicks for long range attacks and punches and headbutts for close range attacks that can render your opponent unconscious! Quch.



When you're fighting or just walking around the vast missions the action will take place from a third person perspective, i.e. from behind Ethan in much the same way as Tomb Radder. You can noll, duck, jump and crawl along the floor if you have to. When you do use your vast array of weaponry the action changes to the style of Doom although your arm and head will be visible but transparent. This gives the game more appeal as the graphics aren't constant but changing to suit the action.

Ocean are apparently talking about modern play for the game which, when you think about it, opens up a whole new kettle of games playing delights. This would best Doom death-match and Quale world any day, just think of the possibilities! The GADD might just be getting a look in too with a whole host of possible mission packs which extends the life of the game enormously. This is all really exciting, but the game has not had its finishing touches yet which outdet ake a little while due to the use of the new artificial intelligence technology. Let's just pray that Ocean can deliver what they're promising in the finished version, because I think I'm going to enjoy the spy life.

TOYS FOR THE BOYS

If I was an IMF agent left alone in the mist of a deadly mission I would be pretty damn naked without this selection of rather nifty gadgets. Though the computer, wrist monitor and mind headset are vital spying equipment, you wouldn't catch me leaving my bed without my trusty explosive chewing gum, williesion: impossible allows you to use this to devastating affect. If you give it to a guard you want shot of just slip him a stick of chew bang and he'll be history before he can work out what flavour it was! Wicked.







MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE

ClayFighter

he mad scientist, Dr Kiln, is again trying to take over the world. But luckily, a small group of Clayfighters have landed on the desert island of Claymodo to halt his sinister plans.

Publisher - Interplay **Developer - Interplay** Released - TBA

layFighter 63 1/3 is a lighter look at the fighting genre, a mixture of humour, clay and combos. As with the two previous SNES ClayFighter titles, 63 1/3 is still mainly designed to make you laugh, but to increase its acceptance into the gaming world, large linked fighting moves have been added. These, keeping in feel with the nutty antics of the characters, can apparently stretch into 2000 hits, but I personally have only achieved 263, which seemed to be long enough without becoming ridiculous.

Characters

Danger Productions built the wacky clay characters. These in turn were filmed with motion capture technology and then digitised into the game. There are twelve characters available to play as from the start.

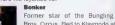


Bad Mr. Frosty

Recently became a pilot for ClayFighter Air after working for several years as a lounge singer in Vegas. Now he's stranded on Klaymodo, the hide-out of the man who wants to control the North Pole, Sumo Santa.



Returns from former ClayFighter showdowns. Fights by morphing himself into objects that are useful for hitting, clubs, axes, anvils, etc. No one knows where his lovalties lie.



Bonker

Bros. Circus. Fled to Klaymodo after an evil prank with flaming poodles. He is now planing another hideous ioke - the destruction of Klaymodo itself.



This farting, spitting, belching super nero has come to Klaymodo to free it from ev 4tter being a smash hit in his own interplay extralaganza on the SNES and Mega Drive), Boogerman round an uncontrolled urge to rid the world of wrongdoers.



An embarrassment to the force due to his heavy drinking, but still has a heart of gold. His last dream s to help Bad Mr. Frosty bring Kiln to justice. Only : "e will tell if Hobocop can kick the habit.

T-Hoppy The Kiln Systems T-Hoppy Model

101 Cybernetic Rabbit Organism was created by Dr. Kiln as a personal bodyguard. T-Hoppy turned on his master and then fled to roam Klaymodo, but vowed to return to take revenge.



A native witch doctor of Klaymodo. A sympathiser to Dr. Kiln, but has his own ulterior motives of sending the world into deprayation. But first he must turn the Zappa Yow Yow Boyz into mindless zomble



The former Pumpkin King now haunts the shadowy depths of Klaymodo inflicting terror deep into the hearts of the innocent. His only challenge in life is to prove that there's nobody he can't scare. Dr. Klin

Dr. Henerik Kıln took refuge in the Isle of Klaymodo after being evicted from Mudville due to unacceptable experiments. Hiding in a secret volcanic lab he continues his dirty work.

Kung Pow

A former cooking show host, but now an ambassador for good will and justice. Still uses his cooking utensils in his fight, including a plucked chicken and a wok.

Lady Liberty

She is one of Dr. Kiln's wicked experiments. Once a statue but now a mutant claylod after being covered in his clay-o-matic dust. She has vowed to revenge Kiln.

He was once a trampoline in the Bungling Bros. Circus, and now feels the need to hunt down Bonkers and bring him to justice before he destroys Klaymodo.







HIDDEN CHARACTERS



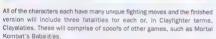
There will definitely be hidden characters in the finished game. Here is a list of who we know are lurking around somewhere in the game - High-5, Zappa Yow Yow Boyz, Sumo Santa, Lackjaw Pooch and Earthworm Jim. All should be revealed next issue of 64 extreme. When we will reveal

if Clayfighter 63 1/3 is crock or baked to perfection in a full four page review.









All of the characters in the game also react to being hit as well. Depending on which part of the body they receive a blow to will determine a small animation sequence. Interplay describe this as 'Situation Hits' and have added these visual effects to add humour and longevity.

There are many fighting arenas and as a fight begins the camera pans around the area to show close-up details of the various objects within the arena. Each battlefield also has sub-areas, these can be entered when a



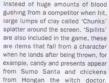
















'Spillits' can be increased in the options screen from Normal to Psycho or even turned off.

All of the characters have a large repertoire of speech. These were recorded by many famous voices, including Dan Castellaneta, the voice behind

Homer Simpson. The speech works well with the fighters and adds even more humour to the game. A competitor will announce the move they are performing, again all of the moves have allegedy hilarious titles. Grunts and gro





we'll bring you the latest and greatest screen shots from games that are still in development - hence Work in Progress, Here at the 54 extreme pleasure palace we often get hold of really great screen shots but find there's nothing we can do with them. This is where this feature proves ts worth. If we've a piece of news about a forthcoming game, it goes in the news column. If we've lots to say about it, we write a preview. WIP is here to show off a game's stunning graphics, pure and simple.

The number shown on the cones indicates what percentage it's a long way off yet. If it shows 95, though, the programming team are probably already making up of the game is complete. If the cone shows 20, for example, excuses why it won't be ready on time!



WE'VE LITTLE TO ADD TO WHAT WE'VE ALREADY OFFERED IN THE NEWS SECTION HERE, BUT THOUGHT THESE EXCELLENT NEW SCREEN SHOTS WERE TOO GOOD TO IGNORE. WORK IS PROGRESSING AT A FAIR PACE, AND AS YOU 70 CAN SEE, THE GAME IS LOOKING GREAT. IT'S UNDERSTOOD THAT, AS IN PRECEDING ZELDA GAMES, THE VARIOUS TOWNS WILL HOLD EVENTS AND WINI-GAMES, THESE ARE EVENTS THAT MUST BE FREQUENTED TO GAIN WATERIAL AND TO MEET VITAL PEOPLE, CONVERSATION IS THE LINK TO LEARNING HOW TO SOLVE WYSTERIES. HOW THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IS NOT YET KNOWN, BUT A NEW CONVERSATIONAL SYSTEM MIGHT BE PREFERRED OVER MESSAGE WINDOWS, SO DON'T RUSH OUT AND BUY A JAPANESE IMPORT UNLESS YOU SPEAK THE LANGUAGE!

THE TEAM ARE STILL WORKING ON HIS FACIAL







EXPRESSIONS AND OTHER SUCH REFINEMENTS. WITH ANY LUCK THE GAME, FOR AT LEAST THE CARTRIDGE VERSION OF IT) WILL BE RELEASED BEFORE CHRISTMAS, THOUGH FRANKLY WE ONLY EXPECT THE JAPANESE VERSION TO DO SO. THE AMOUNT OF DIALOGUE INVOLVED (TEXT OR SPEECH) MAKES FOR SLOW CONVERSIONS, AS EVERYTHING MUST BE TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH. KEEP WATCHING THE NEWS PAGES FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON RELEASE DATES.









YOSHI'S STORY

ORIGINALLY CALLED YOSHI'S ISLAND, THIS OUTING SEEMS TO HAVE LITTLE IN COMMON WITH THE SNES YERSION - PERHAPS THAT'S WHY THEY CHANGED ITS NAME.
INFORMATION IS STILL THIN ON THIS ONE, BUT IT











APPEARS TO BE A 2D PLATFORMER WITH PSEUDO 3D BACKGROUNDS. CURIOUSLY, YOSHI APPEARS IN DIFFERENT COLOURS ON DIFFERENT SCREEN SHOTS, PERHAPS THIS REPRESENTS A POWER-UP HE'S USING, OR MAYBE THE OTHERS ARE FRIENDS OF HIS, ONLY TIME WILL TELL...





DIDDY KONG RACING

THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN ADD TO OUR NEWS ITEMS FARLIER ON PAGE SIX: THE 96 GAME STILL LOOKS GREAT. WE'RE STILL LOOKING FORWARD TO PLAYING IT AND BARE ARE STILL PLAYING THEIR CARDS CLOSE TO THEIR CHESTS REGARDING ADVANCE INFORMATION, WHAT WE HAVE GOT FOR YOU, THOUGH, ARE SOME GREAT SCREEN SHOTS, GOOD GRAPHICS DON'T NECESSARILY MAKE A GOOD GAME, BUT JUDGING BY WHAT WE'VE SEEN OF THIS BEAUTY IT COULD PROVE A REAL WINNER.















F-ZERO

THIS IS THE SEQUEL TO THE SNES CLASSIC, THE FUTURISTIC RACER THAT USED NINTENDO'S BREAKTHROUGH TECHNOLOGY, MODE-7, THE 65 ORIGINAL GAME WAS ONE OF THE FIRST GAMES EVER TO BE RELEASED ON THE SNES, BUT DESPITE RECEIVING RAVE REVIEWS THERE'S NEVER BEEN A SEQUEL - UNTIL NOW, THE N64 OPENS A WHOLE WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES, ESPECIALLY AS GAMES GENIUS SHIGURU MIYAMOTO IS ONCE AGAIN IN THE DESIGN CHAIR. THE VEHICLES FROM THE ORIGINAL HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BACK AND UPDATED FOR THE 64 VERSION, LOOKING VERY SIMILAR TO THE









CRAFTS EXPERIENCE IN PSYGNOSIS' MIPEOUT. THE NEW GAME WILL FEATURE SOME BRAND NEW CRAFT TOO. MIYAMOTO CLAIMS THAT THE GAME WILL RUN AT 80 FRAMES PER SECOND. AS YOU CAN SEE FROM OUR LATEST SHOTS. A TWO, THREE AND FOUR PLAYER SPLIT SCREEN OPTION HAS NOW BEEN ADDED.







BANJO-KAZOOIE

MORE PLATFORWING WAYHEW IN THE MARIO 64 MOULD, THE GAMEPLAY IN BANJO-KAZOOIE APPEARS TO TAKE ON AN INTELLIGENT TWO 75 CHARACTER ASSOCIATION INTO THE PLATFORMING GENRE, BANJO THE BEAR AND KAZOOIE THE BIRD (WHO SITS IN BANJO'S RUCKSACK) CAN EXECUTE AS WANY AS 24 MOVES. THE GAME IS OVERFLOWING WITH CREATURES AND PICK-UPS - A HUGE BULL, GARGANTUAN CRABS, AND MASSIVE ANTS ARE EXPERIENCED IN THE FIRST LEVEL, AND MUSICAL NOTES AS WELL AS FEATHERS ARE AMONG THE VARIOUS PICK-UPS. **BUT TO PROGRESS ON TO THE NEXT** LEVELS, THE CREW MUST FIND THE **OBLIGATORY PUZZLE PIECES** PLACED THROUGHOUT THE GAME.



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